

Private Francis John Court[©]

Regimental number: S/20074

1/14th London Regiment, attached to Gordon Highlanders

born: 1898–died: 16 October 1918

Private Francis John Court was born in 1898 in Exeter, Devon,¹ the son of George Widdicombe Court and his wife Mary Elizabeth (née Trist). Both his parents were born in Devon—George in 1853 in Broadhempston² and Mary in 1856 in Exeter.³ They married in December 1879 in Mamhead, Devon, just 10 miles south of Exeter.⁴

George was primarily a labourer, working in different sectors. In 1881, he and Mary were living at 3 Exe Bridge Terrace in Exeter, where George was a labourer working for a brewer. Ten years later they had moved a few minutes north to Bonhay Road and George was described as a labourer. After Francis' birth, the family was living at 11 Kent Buildings in Exeter and George was working as a soapmaker. In 1911, their home was 11 St. Edmund Square in Exeter and George was a labourer working for a chandler.⁵ The 1911 Census lists eight children of George and Mary, all of whom were still living, but only the four youngest were still residing at home:

- Florence Annie (born on 2 October 1881)⁶
- Emily Kathleen (born on 4 October 1882)⁷
- Helen Mary (also known sometimes as Nellie or Ellen) (born on 4 February 1885)⁸
- Bessie Cecelia (born on 31 July 1886)⁹
- Sydney George (born on 13 May 1891)¹⁰
- Alfred Charles (born in 1895)¹¹
- Francis John (born in 1898)¹²
- Christopher Chudley (born on 23 November 1902)¹³

Although Christopher was recorded as George and Mary's son, he was actually the son of their eldest daughter, Florence. When Christopher was baptized on 5 December 1902 in St. Edmund's Church in Exeter, his mother was identified as Florence Annie.¹⁴ It is not known who Christopher's father was, but his second name may give a clue to his father. There were a number of Chudley families in Exeter at the time.¹⁵

Francis enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force in about September 1916¹⁶ in Wimbledon and joined the 1/14th London (Scottish) Regiment.¹⁷ At some point he was attached to the Gordon Highlanders and was with this regiment, as a lance corporal, when he died.

In October 1918, the Gordon Highlanders were engaged in heavy fighting that drove the Germans towards the Sambre-Oise Canal, in northern France, near the Belgian border.¹⁸ Francis may have been involved in this offensive when he received a compound fracture to his skull. He was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station¹⁹ on 12 October and died four days later. The Station's chaplain sent a letter to George Court to notify him of his son's death.²⁰

Francis was buried on 17 October in the Duisans British Military Cemetery (Plot 7, Row B, Grave 93)²¹ with the Canadian chaplain W. Fisher presiding.²² Duisans British Military Cemetery is located in Étrun, near Arras, France. The first burials in the cemetery took place in March 1917.²³ No. 1 CCCS arrived at the beginning of September 1918 and was stationed near Duisans for two months.

As a result of the serious and urgent nature of the cases, the death rate was high in October—a total of 83 deaths occurred during the month.²⁴

Francis was awarded posthumously the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) and the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre).²⁵

Francis' brother **Alfred** also lost his life in the Great War. He died on 1 July 1916—probably less than a year after he enlisted. He joined the 9th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment as a private.²⁶ At the end of June 1916, the battalion was stationed in Bois des Tailles, near Morlancourt, about 30 kilometres northwest of Amiens in northern France. On 30 June, Alfred's battalion was moved out of the trenches and, early on the morning of 1 July, experienced heavy enemy bombing. The battalion suffered serious casualties that day²⁷—Alfred was probably one of them. Like his brother, Alfred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.²⁸ He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier and Face 1 C).

The death of two sons was sadly followed quite soon afterwards by the death of both parents. Their mother died in 1918²⁹ and their father two years later.³⁰

Francis' brother **Sydney** also served in the Great War. He had been working as a bookstall assistant when he immigrated to Australia at the age of 21. He left London on 28 March 1913 and arrived in Sydney on 8 May; a journey of 41 days.³¹

Sydney was living at 107 Chandos Street in North Sydney when he joined the Australian Imperial Force on 15 January 1917 as a private (regimental number 7222) in the 2nd Battalion.³² He left Australia in February 1917 and arrived in Plymouth, England, two months later. He married Kate Annie Bartlett in Exeter on 9 June 1917—they may well have known each other before Sydney left for Australia. Four months later, Sydney was in France, but on 25 August 1918 he was wounded in a gas attack. Six days later he was invalided back to England and sent to a Voluntary Aid Detachment hospital in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. It is not known how long he stayed in hospital, but he and his wife left England to return to Australia in April 1919. Sydney was discharged on 30 June 1919. Like his two brothers before him, Sydney was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Sydney and Kate had a son, Sydney George, in 1919 in St. Leonards, New South Wales, but sadly he died within the first year of life.³³ Sydney served again in World War II. He enlisted, at the age of 50, in the Volunteer Defence Corps—at the time he was an inspector of book stalls. He joined on 20 January 1942, but was discharged at his own request just eight days later.³⁴ He died in early November 1975.³⁵ Kate died on 6 November 1979 and was buried in Lismore, New South Wales.³⁶

Only some Court siblings remained in Devon; the others moved to Somerset, the London area and the Channel Islands.

In 1901, the eldest of the siblings, **Florence**, was a servant in Teignmouth, 15 miles from Exeter.³⁷ Her son Christopher was born the following year and then, on 24 December 1907, she married James Henry Rowlings in Exeter.³⁸ In 1911, she and James were living at 3 Looe Road, Bonhay Road, where James was a police constable.³⁹ He enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force in November 1914 but was discharged nine days later as being medically unfit for military service. By 1921, they had three children—Nellie Cecilia, born in 1908, Francis George James, born in 1913 and Winnifred Olive, born in 1916—and were living at 10 St. Edmund Square in Exeter.⁴⁰ Christopher Chudley Court was then also living with his mother and stepfather.⁴¹ In 1939, Florence and James had

moved back to Looe Road and Florence's nephew, Ernest George Court, son of her sister Bessie, was living with them.⁴² Florence died in Exeter in 1966.⁴³

Emily married Henry George Williams in December 1906.⁴⁴ Five years later they were living at 2 Princess Street in Blaenllechau, Ferndale, in South Wales, where Henry was a miner's labourer.⁴⁵ By 1939, Henry was blind and he and Emily had moved back to England and were living in Dulverton, Somerset.⁴⁶ Emily died in Somerset in 1951.⁴⁷

Francis' sister **Helen** was a servant in the Wade household, at Queen Anne Terrace, Plymouth, in 1911.⁴⁸ The same year, she married Harold Arthur Goldsmith in Devon⁴⁹ and their child, Ivy Helen, was born there the following year.⁵⁰ Harold was born on 11 September 1884 in St. Helier, Jersey, in the Channel Islands,⁵¹ the son of a British army officer stationed in Jersey.⁵² He grew up in Jersey, and following in his father's footsteps, at the age of 16 was a "boy" in the Royal Artillery, stationed in Dover, Kent.⁵³ In 1911, he was a bombardier, stationed in Plymouth, which is likely where he met Helen. At some point, they moved to St. Lawrence in Jersey. Their daughter Ivy was married in St. Lawrence, Jersey, in 1937.⁵⁴ Would they have known that difficult days were ahead for them? Helen and Harold were given German Occupation Identity Cards on 8 January 1941 and were living at Sea View, Millbrook, Jersey, during the Second World War.⁵⁵ No evidence was found of either of their deaths.

The youngest of the Court daughters, **Bessie**, married Ernest John Court at St. David's Church, Exeter, in April 1910.⁵⁶ (No evidence was found of a connection between the two Court families, particularly since Ernest's family came from the London area.⁵⁷) The following year, Bessie and Ernest were living at 45 Paris Street in Exeter, with their five-month-old son, Ernest George. His father was a lance sergeant in the Devonshire Regiment.⁵⁸ He died early in the Great War, when serving with the 2nd Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment (regimental number 5897). His death on 18 December 1914 is commemorated on Le Touret Memorial in Richebourg-l'Avoue, about 10 kilometres northeast of Béthune in northern France.⁵⁹ He left his wife and three children—Ernest George, Frederick Lawrence and Mary Loraine.⁶⁰ Bessie remarried in 1917⁶¹ and, in 1921, she and her husband, Frederick White, were living with her three children and their son, Edward George, aged 3.⁶² In 1939, Bessie and her husband were living in Tiverton, Devon, where Frederick was a steam roller driver.⁶³ Bessie died in 1957.⁶⁴

The last child recorded as Francis' brother, but actually his nephew, was **Christopher**. He married Ada V. S. Watson six years later in London.⁶⁵ In 1939, he was a welder and living in Friern Barnet, Middlesex.⁶⁶ Christopher died in 1992.⁶⁷

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