

'My Story'

Submitted by: Mr Alan Allcock of Curtis Close, Collingham, August 2020

Alan writes: 'I have just discovered four uncles who served in WW1; two survived and two did not. The two who died were George Allcock (a gunner in the Royal Field Artillery) who is buried in Ypres. He lived in Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts, and James Dunn (Sherwood Foresters) who was wounded in France and shipped back to England, where he died of his wounds. He is buried in a Commonwealth War Grave Commission (CWGC) grave in his home town of Long Eaton.

The other two both returned home were Sergeant Thomas Harvey Allcock of the Sherwood Foresters (Reg number: 7151), who was also from Kirkby in Ashfield. He volunteered in September 1914 and was invalided out on July 7th 1917. The fourth one is my great uncle Pte Samuel Isaac Locker (127994) of the Royal Army Medical Corps. He joined on February 16th 1916 and was medically discharged 6th September 1918.'




Left: *photo of James W Dunn's grave in Long Eaton cemetery c/o Alan Allcock*

Additional information from Collingham in the Great War researchers:

THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE) REGIMENT

Home Roll of Honour About

Private J. W. Dunn



Army Number : 29190
Battalion : 17th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derbys) Regiment.
Son of Mrs. Alice Dunn, of 20, Lower Brook Street, Long Eaton.
Died : 19th June 1916, aged 21.
Buried/Commemorated : Long Eaton Cemetery, United Kingdom. Row A. Grave 399

Photograph of cemetery or memorial not yet obtained.

Photograph of name or grave not yet obtained.

No local memorial details.

Above: Information about Private Dunn from the Sherwood Foresters Roll of Honour website. It is unknown where and when Dunn received his wounds and how long he survived before succumbing to his injuries.

17th (Service) Battalion (Welbeck Rangers)_Attached to 117 Brigade/39th Division
6th March 1916 - Mobilised for war and landed in France and engaged in various actions on the Western Front. In 1916 these included an attack near Richebourg l'Avoue, The fighting on the Ancre, The Battle of Thiepval Ridge, The Battle of the Ancre heights, The Battle of the Ancre. However, these battles (of the Somme) were all after Pte Allcock died. It is likely he was injured either in a gas attack, as part of a working party sent on a sortie or in a bombardment. The battalion was based around Blaringhem, in northern France (south of Dunkirk, west of Ypres).

George H Allcock

Died 26th Sept 1917 aged 32

Name and Rank GUNNER G H ALLCOCK	
Service Number: 20715	
Regiment & Unit/Ship Royal Field Artillery "C" Bty. 76th Bde.	
Date of Death Died 26 September 1917 Age 32 years old	
Buried or commemorated at YPRES RESERVOIR CEMETERY I. B. 16. Belgium	
Country of Service United Kingdom	
Additional Info Husband of Alma Annie Allcock, of 12, Tennyson St., East Kirkby, Notts.	

Above: *Details on Gunner Allcock from the CWGC website*

Barnsley-born George Allcock was the husband of Alma Annie (née Buttery) Allcock and the father of William Henry, Thomas Harvey and George Allcock. In 1911 they lived at 12 Tennyson Street, East Kirkby, Nottinghamshire. His occupation before the war was as a miner.

Date of death

26 Sep 1917

Age at death

32

CWGC

Commonwealth Grave No

98413

Service number

20715

Rank

Gunner

Military Unit

'C' Battery 76th Brigade Royal Field Artillery

Right: *Gunner Allcock's grave at Ypres Reservoir Cemetery. Source: Nottinghamshire Roll of Honour website*



The date of Gunner Allcock's death suggests he was involved in the 3rd Battle of Ypres. The action which took place that day was the Battle of Polygon Wood.



George Allcock is remembered on the Kirkby in Ashfield Cenotaph c/o Nottinghamshire Roll of Honour website

