

OTHERS WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR ONE

There are at least 3 other people I discovered during my research. 2 survived the war and even though the 3rd died, he is not mentioned on the village memorial, perhaps due the strange and controversial circumstances of his death.

Thomas William Price

Thomas William Price lived at the King William IV Inn, Brompton on Swale in 1915 when he enlisted into the West Yorkshire Regiment Prince of Wales' Own (14th Foot), aged 34. Born in 1881 in Manchester, by 1901 he was almost 20 and living in Marrick in Swaledale with his Mother and Uncle as a Farmer. He subsequently married Mary Eleanor Whitehead (from Reeth) on 23rd April 1908. In 1911 he was living with Mary as a Farmer in Marrick still, but by 1915 he had become a Publican and was at the "King Billy".

His military history sheet showed he served in the UK from 30th Jan 1917 to 31st Nov 1917 and then in Malta (probably as part of the 1st Garrison Battalion).



King William IV Brompton-on-Swale (now closed)

Charles Allison Routledge

Charles Routledge was born in Faceby (near Stokesley, Yorkshire) in 1892 one of at least 10 children to parents Robert and Mary Routledge of the Mill, Faceby. By 1901 Charles was living with his Grandparents (aged 9). He enlisted in Richmond from his residence in Brompton-on-Swale. He served as A/L Corporal P2646 with the Corps of Military Police in the "Foot Branch" (as opposed to the Mounted Branch). He embarked from England in Liverpool on 11th March 1916 and arrived in Corfu 16 days later. He proceeded to serve with the British Mission to the Royal Serbian Army in Salonika.

His records show that just over a year later he spent various periods in and out of Hospital with many ailments including varicose veins and diseases associated with soldiers "serving away from loved ones". He was then transferred to Salonika around the 6th November 1917 and back to a Hospital in Corfu 21st May 1918.

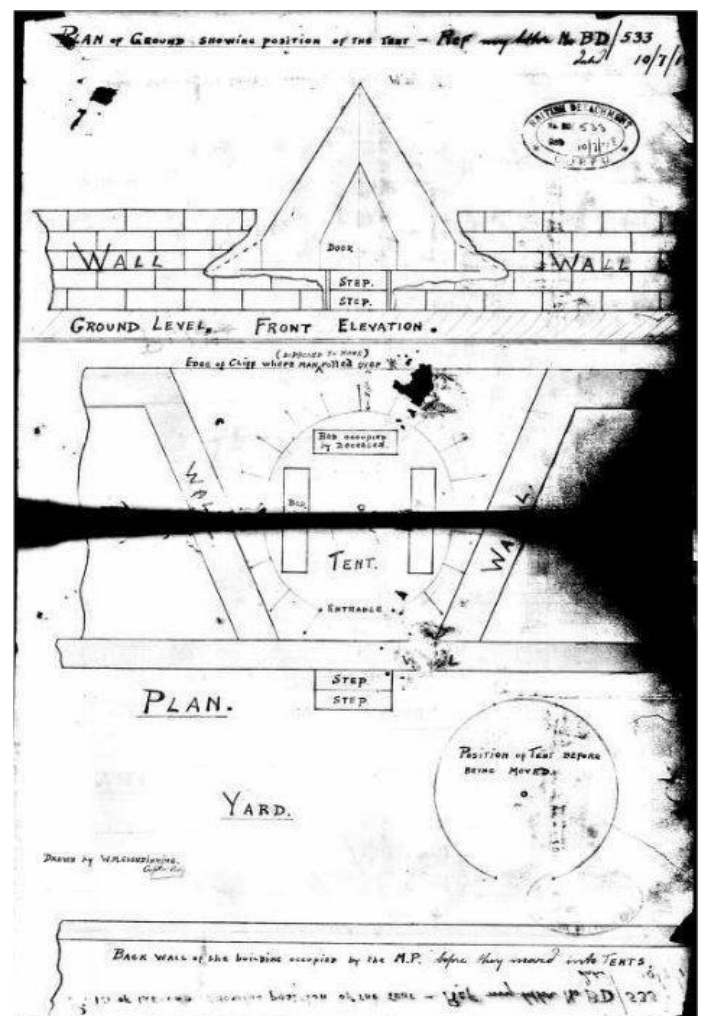


Gravestone - Charles Routledge

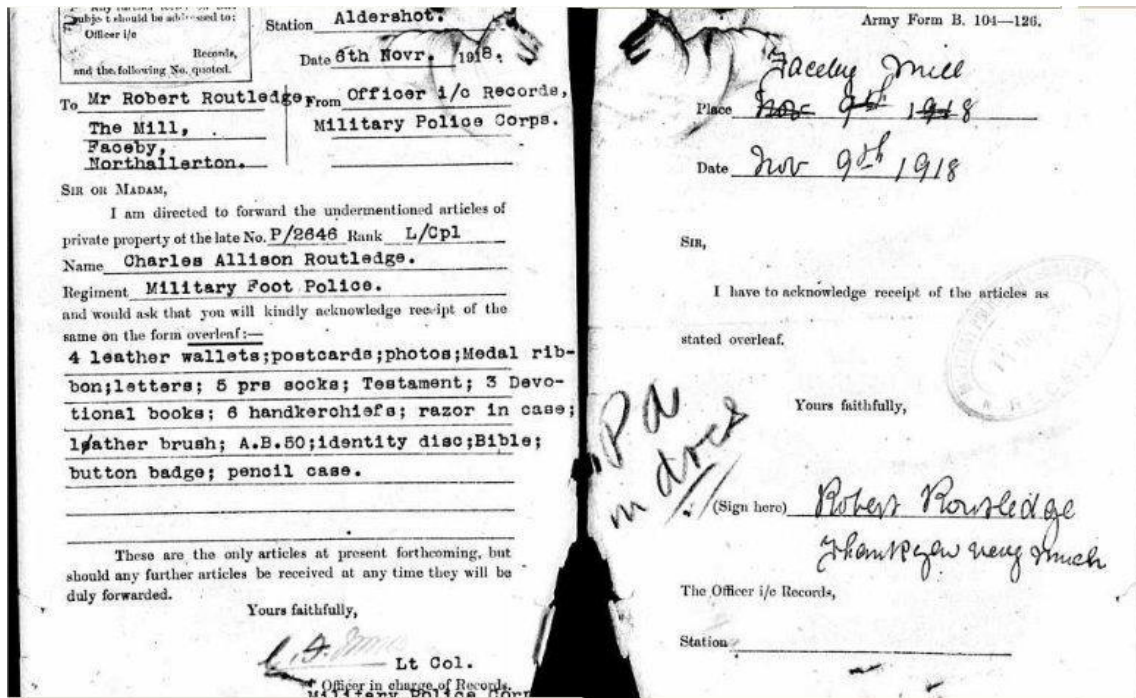
The Court of Enquiry into his death on 6th July 1918 states that "he came out of the rear of his tented accommodation and fell over a cliff into the sea and drowned". The enquiry offered the opinion that "the deceased ... met his death through misadventure in falling over a cliff close to his tent and being drowned. The Court considers the tent is pitched in a dangerous place being too near the edge of the cliff".

See the diagram to the right, which clearly shows the cliff edge directly behind the tent and the previous position of the tent.

However, this conclusion was disputed immediately by the Commander of the British Detachment in Corfu. He stated that it would have been near impossible to exit the rear of the tent and the victim would either have had to crawl out from under the tent or exit the front and walk around over various tent pegs and retaining ropes.



The records do not show what, if any final conclusion was reached but there are some poignant letters in the records (typical of what many parents and relatives of casualties would have received).



Letter to Charles Routledge's Father, re: effects

Sources:



Charles Routledge's Grave in Corfu

- (1) Corp of Military Police Records
<http://www.corpsformilitarypolice.org/soldier/4905/>
- (2) WW1 Service Records

Frederick Ernest Richardson

Frederick Ernest Richardson was born in Brompton-on-Swale in October 1896, one of eleven children to parents John & Hannah. Records show he was a Farmer and Carter as was his Father around the time he enlisted age 19, into the Yorkshire Regiment's 3rd Reserve Battalion as Private 26566 on 10-Dec-1915. On 8th July 1916 he was transferred to France and joined another battalion in the field on 21st July 1916.



Army Form B. 103. 215/12

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 3rd York & North

Serial No. 26566 Rank Private Name Richardson, Fred Ernest

Enlisted (a) 10/12/15 Terms of Service (a) War Service reckons from (a) 11/2/16

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank 3/1 } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (v) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Joined Battalion.	Field.	21.7.16.	
8.10.16	10 Pen 37A	to 10 Pen 37A		7.10.16	ED 4320
7.10.16	49	to 49		7.10.16	ED 4179
				7 OCT 1916	
			Blapton		
			Rouen.	9.10.16	HP 3210
			Field	14.11.16	HP 3210
				22.9.17	HP 3210
		Posted to Super.	Richmond, W.B.		

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Figure 43 - Service Record (extract) - Frederick Ernest Richardson

He served at Etaples, Rouen and was wounded in the right arm 22nd Sep 1917 and spent some time at Brighton Pavilion Hospital.

On 26th Mar 1918 he seems to be listed as “missing” and then as “Prisoner of War”. This is likely to have happened during the great German offensive that began on March 21st around St Quentin (“The Kaiser’s Battle”). Fred was later repatriated and in 1920, no doubt thankful to be home, married Sarah Miller.

Fred passed away in 1983.

Sources

Bill Danby’s excellent history of the 1/4th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment:

<http://4thyorkshires.com/>