Sergeant Henry Millman

Died 16th August 1917, aged 36 years

Henry Millman was born in Condover and baptised on 6th March 1881. He was the 9th child of Thomas and Elizabeth Millman. At the time of his birth the family were living at Condover Post Office with Thomas's mother Ann, a widow who is recorded in the 1881 census as being a Postmistress and Blacksmith. Henry's father Thomas was a Blacksmith.

In 1891 Henry was still living in Condover with his Grandmother who, at the age of 81, is still the Sub Postmistress.

In January 1899, at the stated age of 18 years 11 months (not the 17 years 11 months it should have been), Henry joined the East Yorkshire Regiment, service number 5980. His occupation is given as Groom. Either the date of attestation was wrong (the forms already being pre-printed with 189...) or he was too young to have joined. We cannot know.

His handwriting can be seen on his Attestation Statement, attached.

In 1907 Henry married Alice Bromley at Smethcott parish church. Alice's family lived at Park Gate, Smethcott at the time of her marriage.

Henry and Alice had 2 children. Leslie was born in 1909 and Doreen in 1914.

In 1911 the family was living at Hollybush Cottage, Lower Wood, Church Stretton and Henry gives his occupation as Civil Service Postman. His handwriting can be seen on the 1911 census record. Later in 1911 Henry rejoined the army as a reserve and then became a full time soldier. He joined the King's Shropshire Light Infantry with the service number 25075 and finally became a Sergeant with the 9th Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers with the service number 37281. In July 1917 his Battalion went to France and fought in the battle of Langermarck, better known as Passchendaele. Henry was killed, along with many others, on the 16th August, the first day of the attack.

Henry is commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial in Belgium. This is the resting place of almost 12,000 First World War servicemen of the British Empire. It is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world.

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SHORT SERVICE.

(7 years with the Colours, and 5 years in the Reserve, or, if the man completes his 7 years' service with the Colours while beyond the seas, then for a further period, not exceeding one year, with the Colours, and the remainder of the 12 years in the Reserve.

OF EAST YORKSHIRE REST. ATTESTATION Beruit is to be asked the particulars of his former Service, and to produce, if possible, his Parchment Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him consists and read resoluted in the (Regiment) No. IGKO Name Soenry Questions to be put to the Recruit before 1. What is your Name ? 2. In the Pa near the 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? in the County 3. Are you a British Subject? //.....Months. 4. What is your Age? What is your Trade or Calling?
 Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where? 7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where? }
to whom? and for what period?
8. Are you Married?
9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the }
Civil Power 2. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the covil Power!

10. Do you now belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Yeomanry, the Army Reserve, or the Naval Reserve Force! If so, to what Corps!

*11. Have you ever served in Her Majesty's Army, the Marines the Militia the Militia Reserve, or the Royal Navy! If so, state which and cause of discharge!

12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous a Service. To. 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's
Service If so, on what grounds

14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service 16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you: 17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided Her Majesty abould so long require your services.

(a) For the term of twelve years, for the first seven years in Army Service and for the remaining fire years in the First Class of the Army Reserve, or if at the termination of such period of Army Service you are serving beyond the seas, then for a further period not exceeding one year in Army Service and for the remaining perion of such period of 12 years in the First Class of the Army Reserve.

(b) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service a state of War exists, then, if so directed by the Competent Military Authority, to serve in Army Service for a further period not exceeding 12 months.

(c) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, you are so required by a Proclamation from Her Majesty in case of imminent national danger or great emergency, then to serve in Army Service so as to complete your term of 12 years, and for a further period not exceeding 12 months. 12 months.

(d) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Regular Forces beyond the sens, or while a state of war exists with a Foreign Power, or while Soldiers in the Reserves are required by proclamation to continue in or re-enter upon Army Service, then to serve for a Willman do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to another 1 am willing to fulfil the engagements made. benry SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT. Henry Millen Chewards bepl. Signature of Witness. OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

do make Oath, that I will be faithfully bear true Allegiance. Her Majesty. Her Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty. Her Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty. Her Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God. CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at SHIREWSBURY on this day of Santagay 1899. **₽**.5 If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation