

In Memory of
Second Lieutenant
Douglas Roy Dilworth-Harrison

10th Bn. attd. 1st/8th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 27 March 1918 Age 35

Son of James and Louisa Dilworth-Harrison.

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2nd Lieutenant Douglas Roy Dilworth-Harrison

10th Battalion, attached to the 1/8th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry

Died: 27 March 1918 Age: 35

How Died: Killed in Action

Country of burial: France

Cemetery or Memorial: Pozières Memorial, Somme

Extra Information

Born at Habergham Eaves, Burnley on 11th February 1883. He was educated at Burnley Grammar School and Manchester Grammar School. Birth registered as Dilworth-Harrison.

1891 Census - 173 Manchester Road, Habergham Eaves, Burnley. Son - (Douglas R.D. Harrison) - aged: 8 - Scholar - born: Burnley. His elder brother - John D. Harrison is listed, as is his younger brother - Talbot D. Harrison who became a vicar, together with his two younger sisters - Ella D. Harrison and Irene D. Harrison. His parents are not recorded at this address, but the children were being looked after by 4 domestic servants.

1901 Census - 13 Seymour Terrace, Heyworth Within, Gateshead, Co, Durham. Boarder - aged: 18 - occ: Apprentice Mechanical Engineer - born: Burnley. His parents and siblings are still residing at 173 Manchester Road. His father - James Dilworth-Harrison - Married - aged: 51 - occ: Cotton Manufacturer - born: Heywood, Lancashire. His mother - Louisa Harrison - Wife - aged: 51 - born: Camden Road, London.

At the age of sixteen he began an apprenticeship of five years with Messrs. Clarke, Chapman and Co., of Gateshead, and on its completion in 1904 he remained with the firm in the drawing office for a year.

His father - James Dilworth Harrison died in 1907 - aged: 58. The death was registered in Ormskirk, Lancashire.

He then went to sea as 3rd Engineer with the Prince Line of Steamships, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and became Chief Engineer in 1909. He was elected an Associate Member of this Institution in 1912.

1911 Census - No Trace. His widowed mother - Louisa Dilworth-Harrison - aged: 61 was the head of the household at "The Briers", Longfield, Kent. Also listed were 2 of his sisters and 2 domestic Servants.

WO374 - He enlisted into the Public Schools (20th) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers at Manchester on the 10th September 1914. He was aged 31 years & 6 months and was born at Habergham Eaves, Burnley. He was an Engineer by trade. He resided at "Gleedale", Langham Road, Bowdon. He was 5 feet, 11³/₄ inches in height. Weighed 161 lb, had a chest measurement of 32¹/₂ to 37¹/₂ inches fully expanded. He had a pale complexion, Blue eyes, Dark hair and had a skull and snake tattoo on his left shoulder.

He was posted to the Battalion at Epsom, Surrey on the 18th September 1914. Promoted to rank of Lance Corporal on the 10th April 1915 and Corporal on the 14th August 1914. He was qualified as a Machine Gunner.

He was posted to France on the 14th November 1915 and promoted to Sergeant "In the Field" on the 13th March 1916. Sent to Officer Cadet School at St. Omer on the 16th August 1916. Discharged from the RF on the 1st October 1916, having been offered a Commission with the 10th Bn, Durham Light Infantry. His next of Kin was Mrs. L. Dilworth Harrison (Mother), The Briers, Longfield, Kent. The same as the 1911 Census.

Aged: 35, his death took place in action at Hamel on 26th March 1918, during the big German offensive that commenced on the 21st March 1918.

CWGC death also registered as Dilworth-Harrison.

Other than the fact he had a Bowdon address when he enlisted and is commemorated on the Hale U.R.C. Memorial, there is no obvious connection to Trafford.

Memorials found on:

Altrincham United Reformed Church, Hale



Pozières Memorial & Cemetery, Somme, France