## Harry Montgomery



N°M2/054504 390, 964, 990, 634, 956, 965 Mechanical Transport Companies Army Service Corp

Harry Montgomery was born on the  $16^{th}$  March 1888 to Harry and Mary Montgomery in Rotherham, Yorkshire. He was their  $2^{nd}$  of 5 children and only son. His father was a Puddler.

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In 1906 when Harry was aged 18 he lost his father.

In the 1911 census harry is aged 23 and one of 5 children still living at 14 The Croft. He is working as a Turner and Fitter, his widowed mother the head of the household.

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On the 25th April 1911 Harry married Fanny Maria Turner, his occupation noted as Engineer.

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On the 11th November 1911 they had their first child, a son, Harry Crowder. Their address 27 Gladys Street Rotherham.

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Little else is known of Harrys early years. At some point the family moved to 21 St Stephen's Road.



When War was declared on the 4th August 1914 Harry was aged 26 and like many he would be called to serve.

He was attested in to service in Sheffield on the 18th March 1915, his address 21 St Stephen's Road he was 27 years old 5 foot 6 7/8 inches tall with good physical development. he had scars on his right eye, bridge of nose and back of neck. He gave his wife as his next of kin.

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It is not clear from Harrys record's where he was initially posted, it may have been to Grove Park the Motor Transport (MT) Reserve Depot where he may have arrived on the 19th March 1915 for training.

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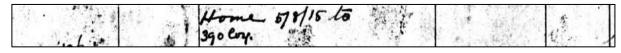




Just 9 weeks after enlisting Harry headed to join the British Expeditionary Force in France on the 31st May 1915.

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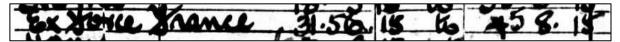
It is not known which unit he went over with or was posted to once in France. 390 Company is mentioned on his records but no other details and the Company has no records.



Nothing is known of Harrys time in France but after 2 months, on the 4th August 1915 he is noted with a GSW (Gun Shot Wound) to his foot. (GSW was also used to not shrapnel wounds)

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His records shows he was left France back to the UK the next day, the 5th August 1915.



How severe the wound was, where and how long treatment took is not documented

At some point Harry was posted to 52 Company (MT Depot) ASC at Aldershot.



52 MT Company based at Aldershot had incorporated a caterpillar section and was moved to Avonmouth in early 1915 to become the ASC Tractor Depot.

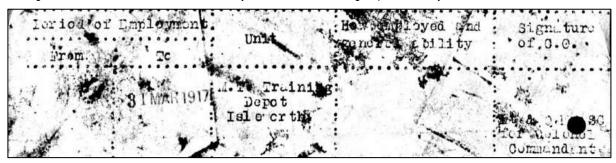
Harrys Conduct record shows on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1916 he was at Aldershot where he was absent with out leave from tattoo till reporting himself at reveille 7<sup>th</sup> February 1916. He was admonished (reprimanded) by OC (Officer Commanding) 52 Coy ASC and forfeit 1 days pay.

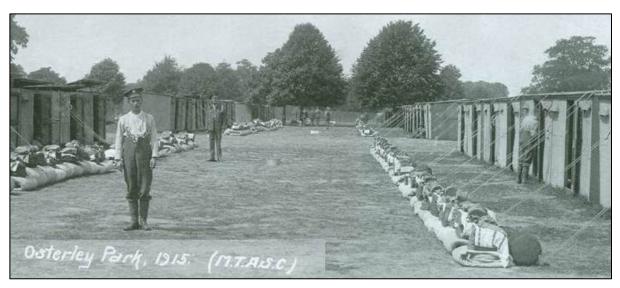
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By early March 1916 he was at Eltham (a Sub-Depot) On the 12th March 1916 he was again 'Absent form Tattoo' until 9:30pm on the 13th. He was Confined to Barracks and forfeit 2 days pay, fined 1 days pay. (Eltham was also where the first tanks were developed based on Caterpillar tractors.)

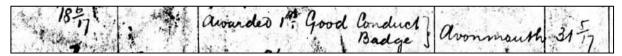
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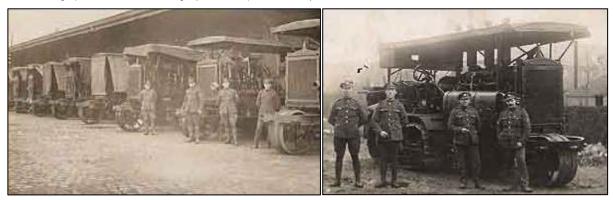




By May 1917 Harry was at Avonmouth where he was awarded his first good conduct badge.



He was probably still with 52 MT Company that had earlier incorporated a caterpillar section and moved to Avonmouth becoming the ASC Tractor Depot. Holts tractors at the Depot were imported from the USA through Avonmouth and from here the ASC provided gun-tractors and men. From April 1915, 6, 8 and 9-inch howitzers were drawn by Holts. Harry would be receiving specialist Driver training. (Holt Caterpillar tractors)



On the  $20^{th}$  June 1917 Harry was admitted to the  $2^{nd}$  Southern General Hospital at Bristol for 8 days suffering from Eczema ? released fit for duty on the  $27^{th}$ .

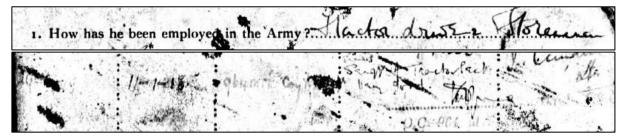
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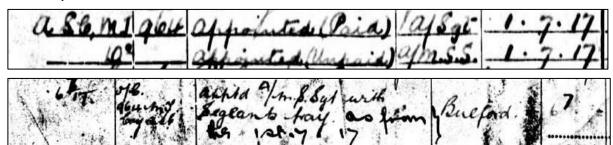
Harry was still at the tractor Depot at Avonmouth until the 28th June 1917 when he was almost certainly posted to 964 MT (Mechanical Transport) Company Army Service Corp at Bulford Camp.



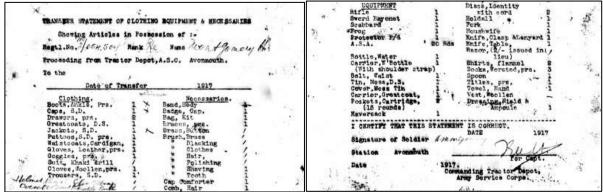
Harrys record note him as Tractor Driver & Stoker-man? and Sargent of Tractor Section with 964 Coy



On the 1st July 1917 he was appointed paid Acting Sargent and also unpaid A/MSS (Acting Mechanist Staff Serjeant) with 964 MT Coy ASC



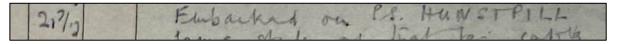
In early July Henry filled in a Transfer Statement of Clothing Equipment and Necessaries as the left the Tractor Depot at Avonmouth.



By early July Harry with 964 MT Coy was at Bulford from where the y left on the 10<sup>th</sup> July for Southampton where they embarked on the SS South Western Miller for France.



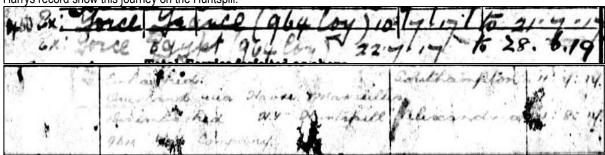
Arriving at Le Havre on the 11<sup>th</sup> they headed to a rest camp. On the 1eth they entrained heading south to Marseilles arriving on the 14<sup>th</sup> heading to Camp Carcassone. On the 21<sup>st</sup> July 964 MT Coy embarked on the Hired Transport (HT) Huntspill for Egypt.

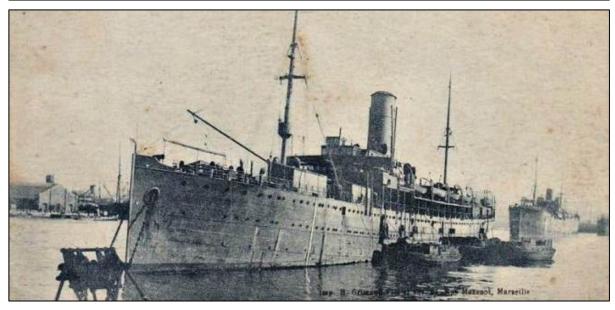


3 officers and 44 men of 964 MT Coy with other units on the HT Huntspill, one of these units was 379 Howitzer Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery.

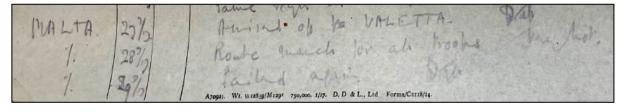
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Harrys record show this journey on the Huntspill.





The men sailed via Valetta, Malta where they arrived on the 27th July and disembarked. On the 28th the men undertook a route march before re-embarking and sailing on the 29th arriving in Alexandria on the 1st August 1917.





On arrival in Egypt 964 MT Coy headed to Mustapha Camp (pictured) where they remained until for just over a month until the  $7^{th}$  September 1917 rebuilding and working on the Caterpillar Tractors.



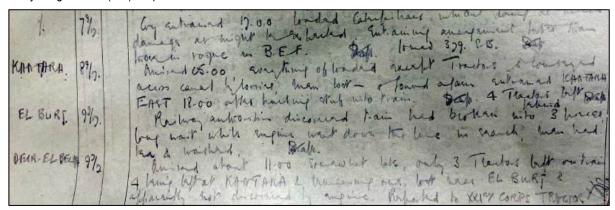
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On the 7th September 1917 964 MT Coy entrained, loading the Caterpillar Tractors, for Kantara where they joined 379 Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery, armed with 6 inch howitzers. (They had also sailed on the Huntspill) on the 8th they crossed the Suez Canal by lorry entraining again at Kantara East leaving 4 Tractors behind. On the 9th September they arrived via El Burt joining the 'XXI (21st) Corp Tractor 'Deir-El-Belah.



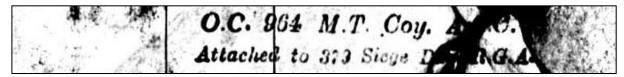


Train traveling through Deir-El-Belah



Army Service Corp Dump at Deir-El-Belah

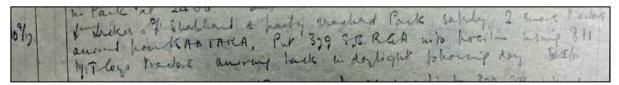




A Caterpillar tractor of the Army Service Corp pulling artillery.



On the 10th September the men began moving the guns of 379 Siege Battery into position. (around R29 D82.50)

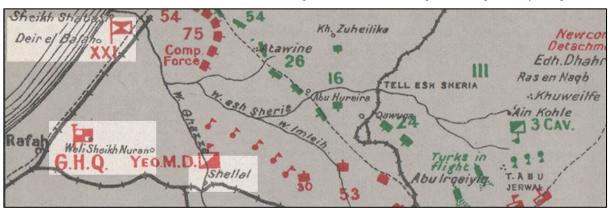


964 MT Coy spent the rest of September taking ammunition and supplies from the rail head to the dumps and on to 379 Siege Battery and other gun positions also moving new guns in to positions as they arrived.



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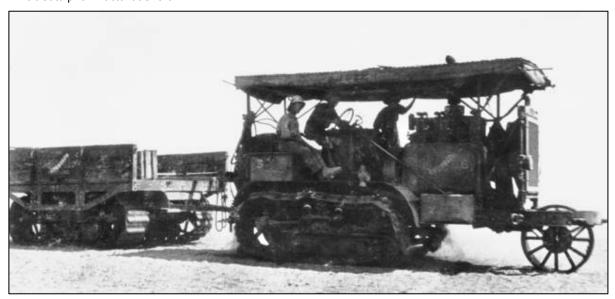


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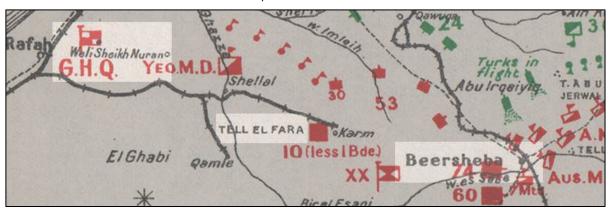
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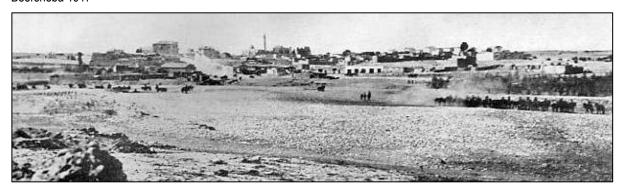


A Holt Caterpillar Tractor at Shellal



On the  $26^{th}$  October 964 MT Coy moved back to Sheikh Nuran. On the  $30^{th}$  they moved to Tel El Fara,  $2^{nd}$  November Beersheba and  $4^{th}$  November took over the XX1 Corp Tractor Park at Karm.

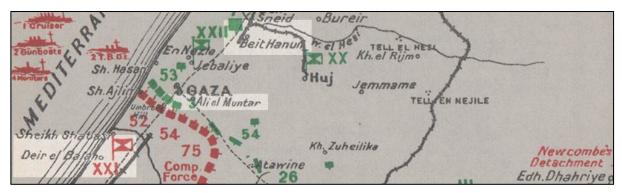




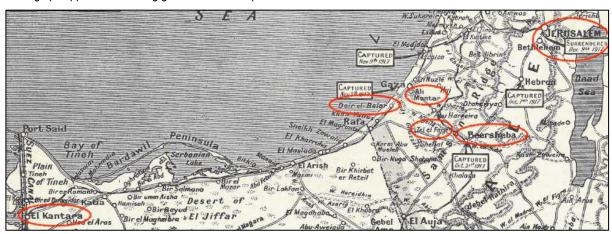
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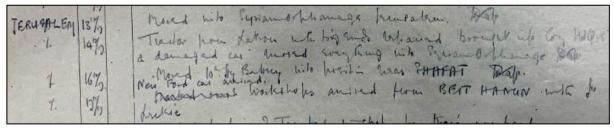
On the  $25^{th}$  November 1917 6 tractors were sent to Al El Muntar (Gaza), on the  $26^{th}$  the remainder of the unit went to Beit Hanum, on the  $28^{th}$  back to the old camp at Belah and on the  $30^{th}$  to Beit Leriah

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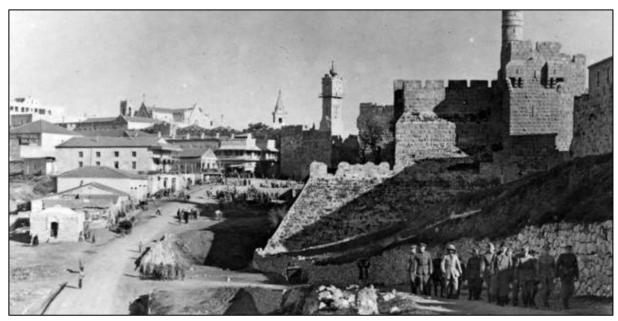


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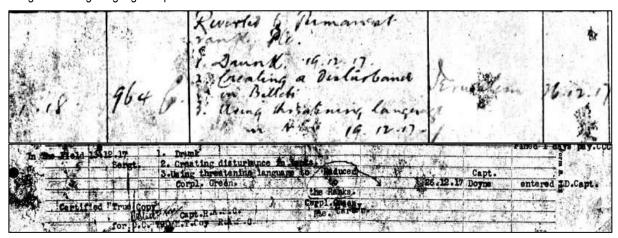


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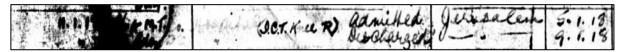
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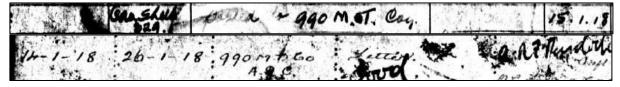
2 days later on the 26th December he was reprimanded for his actions of the 19th December and reduced - reverted to Private for 'misconduct'.



On the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1918 he was again admitted to hospital with ICT (Inflammation Connective Tissue) Knee R (right). He was discharged back to his unit on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.



On the 14th January Harry was posted to 990 MT Coy as a 'Fitter' remining with the until the 26th January 1918



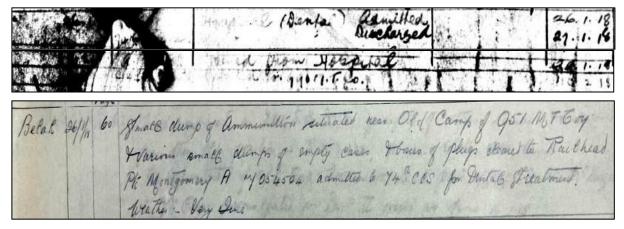
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On the 26th January 1918 Harry was admitted to hospital (74 Casualty Clearing Station) from 990 MT Coy with dental issues. He was released the next day back to the unit. This was noted in the units War Diary.



74 Casualty Clearing Station Ramallah August 1918 – would have been in a different location but appear much the same on Harrys admittance.

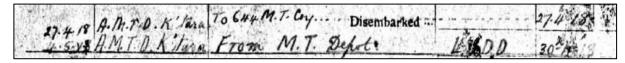


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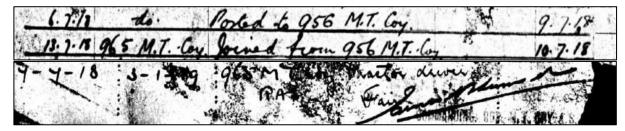
The work of 990 MT Coy continued much the same through February & March 1918, moving guns ammunition and supplies to various positions form the railheads. (No war Diary from end of Feb 1918)

On the 27th April 1918 he was posted to 644 MT Coy from the MT (Mechanical Transport) Depot , possibly at Belah. (no war diary for 644 MT Coy)

644 MT were listed as General Headquarters Troops, with the added designation 'Heavy Repair Workshop and Stores Branch'



On the 9th July 1918 Harry joined 956 MT Coy and the next day the 10th was transferred to 965 MT Coy as a Tractor Driver.



965 MT Coy had been attached to 380 Siege Battery and like the other MT Companies Harry had been posted too was used to move guns and ammunition along with supplies and other heavy equipment.

The units War Diary begins on the 26th July 1918 when they are at Mulebbis north east of Jaffa



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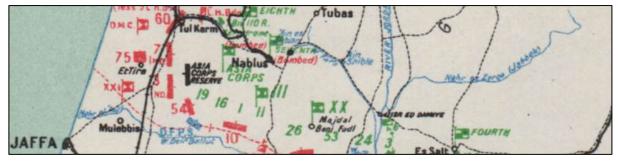
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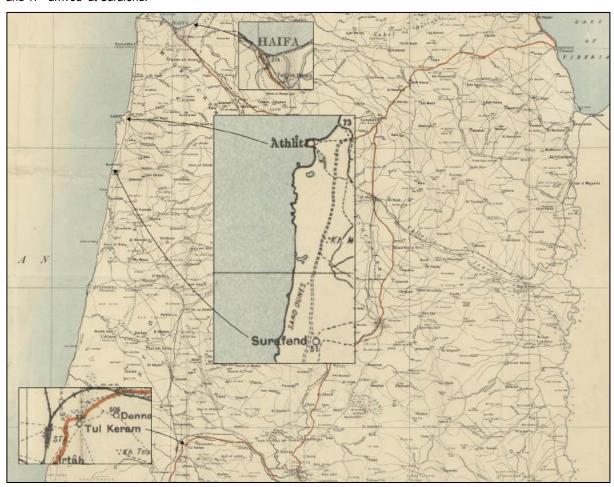
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The company remained in Surafend the rest of October 1918 having travelled 120 miles in the recent operations with no breakdowns.

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The company remained in Surafend through November and December 1918 servicing the vehicles where they saw the war in Europe come to an end on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. There is no mention of the armistice in the units war diary. Routine carried on as normal.

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On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1918 Harry was admitted to 24<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital at Kantata with Influenza, the global pandemic spreading quickly amongst the troops. He was discharged to the AMTD (Army Motor Trandport Depot) at Kantara on the 12<sup>th</sup>, to AMTD at Ludd on the 21<sup>st</sup> December and posted back to 965 T Coy on the 23<sup>th</sup> December.

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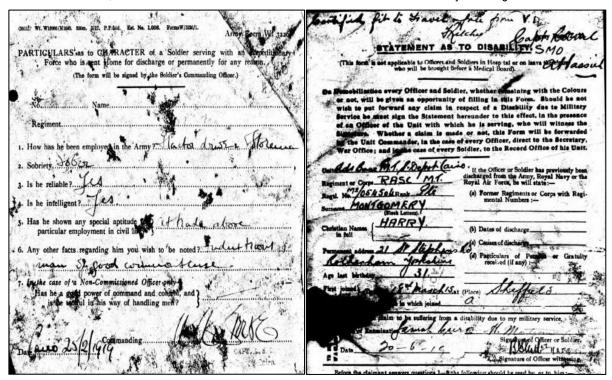
The same day Harry re-joined 965 MT Coy the 23<sup>rd</sup> December they entrained at Surafend for Kantara arriving on the 24<sup>th</sup> remaining there into January 1919.

On the 3rd January 1919 Harry was transferred to the Army Mechanical Transport Depot in Cairo.

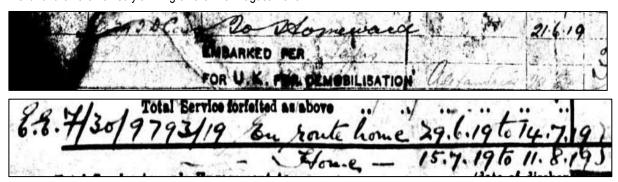


On the 25th February 1919 in Cairo Harry began to fill in his discharge paperwork. It noted him a Tractor Driver and Stoker man, Sober, reliable and intelligent and a man of good conscience.

Some 4 months later, on the 20th June 1919 at Cairo he filled in his Statement as to Disability declaring none.



He was noted 'Homeward' on the  $21^{st}$  June , and to the UK for demobilization on the  $28^{th}$  he was en-route home from Alexandria on the  $29^{th}$  July arriving on the 14th August 1919.



On arrival home he headed straight to the Dispersal 'North' Camp at Ripon

Part of North Camp Ripon



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Post war Harry returned to civilian life, his wife and son and took up work as an Engineer. In 1920 he had a 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a daughter Betty.

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For his service Harry recived the 1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

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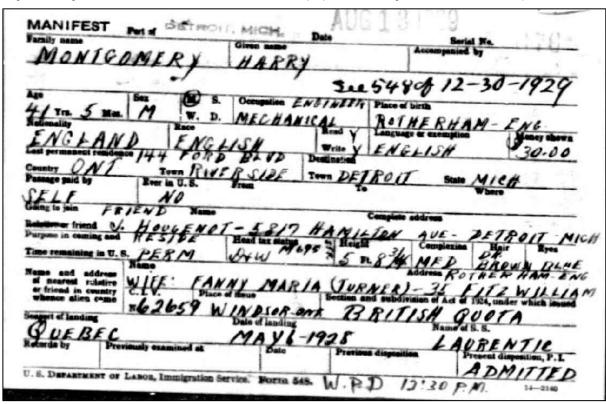
In April 1928 Harry travelled, alone from Liverpool to Canada on the SS Laurentic leaving his family at home (35 Fitzwilliam Road Rotherham). He was heading to Ontario, to his sister Elsie Rowe. She had married Charles Rowe in 1922 and emigrated in 1927. She was living on Lillian Street, Windsor, Ontario. Harry is noted an Engineer and was almost certainly seeking work, potentially sending some of his earnings home to his wife and 2 children.

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Harrys sister Elsie had been a Red Cros nurse during WW1.



In 1929 Harry head across the boarder in to the US, to Detroit, the centre of the car industry. He was noted a Mechanical Engineer living at 144 Ford Boulevard, Riverside Ontario. His purpose for coming noted 'reside' and time 'permanent'.



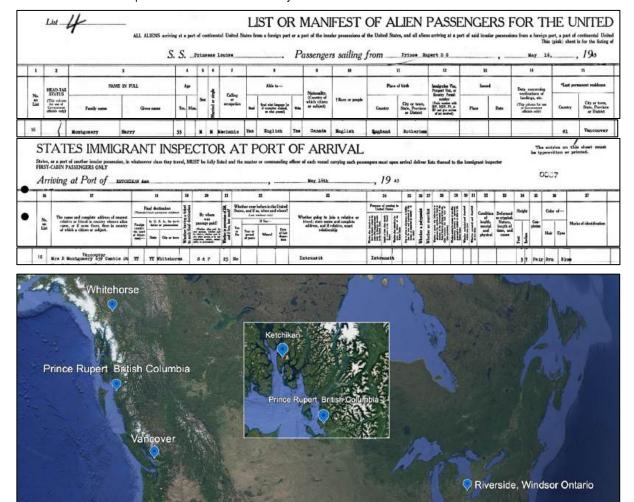
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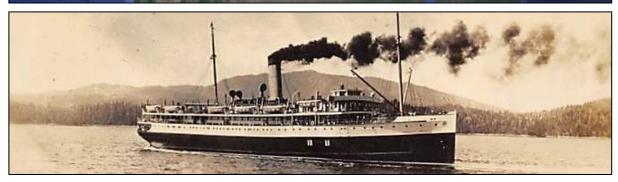


Harry remained in North America through the 1930's, his wife and son still living at 35 Fitzwilliam Road in the 1939 Register with his wife's mother. His wife is noted married.



In 1943 Harry headed to Ketchikan, Alaska on the SS Princes Louise from Prince Rupert in British Columbia, Canada. He is noted living in Vancouver and a Canadian citizen and a Mechanic. His is also noted in-transit, his final destination Whitehorse YT. Whitehorse is the capital of Canadas Yukon Territory.





It is not clear what happened to Harry in later life, it is not clear if his separation from his family in 1928 was a permanent one. There is no (known) record of him retuning to the UK, his last known location was in 1943 in Alaska aged 55.