

William Stuart Plant



Nº27205

Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Nº34927

19<sup>th</sup> & 249<sup>th</sup> Company  
Machine Gun Corp

MGC School of Musketry

Nº11 Armoured Motor Battery

William Stuart Plant was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1893 in Sheffield to Samuel and Mary Plant. He was their 8<sup>th</sup> and last child and only son. He was baptised on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1893. His father was a Grocer.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Ecclesall, Sheffield</u> in the County of <u>York</u> in the year One thousand eight hundred and <u>Ninety Three</u> .						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1893 March 19 Born. Feb. 19, 1893 No. 111	William	Samuel	Plant	Millhouses	Grocer.	<i>W. Ecclesall</i>

In the 1901 census William is aged 8, one of 7 children in the family home at 547 Abbeydale Road Eccleshall Sheffield

Administrative County <u>Yorkshire</u>				The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 2	
Civil Parish (Act 4) <u>Ecclesall (Part)</u>				Ecclesiastical Parish (Act 4) <u>Abbeydale</u>		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District <u>Sheffield</u>		Ward of Municipal Borough <u>Ecclesall (Part)</u>		Rural District <u>Ecclesall</u>		Parliamentary Division <u>Ecclesall (Part)</u>		Town or Village or Hamlet <u>Sheffield</u>	
House No.	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. of HOUSE	HOUSES	Names and Surnames of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employed, Worker, or Own account	Working at home	WHICH BORN	(1) Date and Place of Birth (2) Sex (3) Date of Marriage (4) Date of Death (5) Date of Burial					
7	547, Abbeydale Rd	1	Samuel Plant	Head	58	Grocer			York						
			Mary	Wife	57	do			do						
			Mary Elizabeth	Daughter	24	do			do						
			Horace Arthur	do	20	do			do						
			William	do	8	do			do						
			Ethel	do	13	do			do						
			Joy	do	11	do			do						
			William Stuart	Son	8	do			do						

in 1911 William is aged 18 and living with 6 sisters and parents at 174 Vincent Road, Sharrow, Sheffield, his father still a grocer, William working as a Clerk.

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Married	Profession or Occupation	Employed	Working at home	Where born
1	Samuel Plant	66	M	Married	Grocer Assistant			York
2	Mary Plant	59	F	Married	Do			do
3	Mary Elizabeth Plant	32	F	Single	Do			do
4	Horace Arthur	30	M	Single	Do			do
5	William	25	M	Single	Do			do
6	Ethel	23	F	Single	Do			do
7	Joy	21	F	Single	Do			do
8	William Stuart	18	M	Single	Do			do

I declare that the Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 Signature: Samuel Plant  
 Printed Address: 174 Vincent Road, Sharrow, Sheffield



Little else is known of Williams early years. When war broke out on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he was aged 21 and like many William would be called to serve.



STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. <u>24265</u> Name <u>William Stuart H. Hovest</u>							
Corps	Battn. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
General Service	<del>Depot</del>	Attested	<i>Private</i>	<i>8 12 15</i>			<i>Edmund Richmond</i> <i>Edmund Richmond</i>
General Service	<del>Depot</del>	To Army Reserve	<i>do</i>	<i>8 12 15</i>			

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MOY	Mobilized	Private	1. 2. 1916	Edmund Williams
	Posted	Private	3. 2. 1916	H. Furber 1st
				H. Furber 2nd

A sepia-toned photograph showing a large group of men in military uniforms standing in formation on a field. They are arranged in several rows, facing towards the right. In the background, there is a large, multi-story building with many windows and chimneys, likely a barracks or administrative building. The foreground is a grassy field with some trees and a fence line.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> (Reserve) Battalion KOYLI was posted to Hull on mobilisation where it acted a training Battalion for recruits before posting to Service Battalions. William would have undertaken his basic training with them.

It is possible William undertook some training as a machine gunner within the 3<sup>rd</sup> KOYLI, this required a specialist aptitude and understanding of mathematics and was somewhat of a specialist roll, though there is no documentation to support this.

After 3 months with the 3<sup>rd</sup> KOYLI, on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1916 William was posted to the Depot of the Machine Gun Corp (MGC) near Grantham at Belton Park. William may have received a new service number at this point 34927

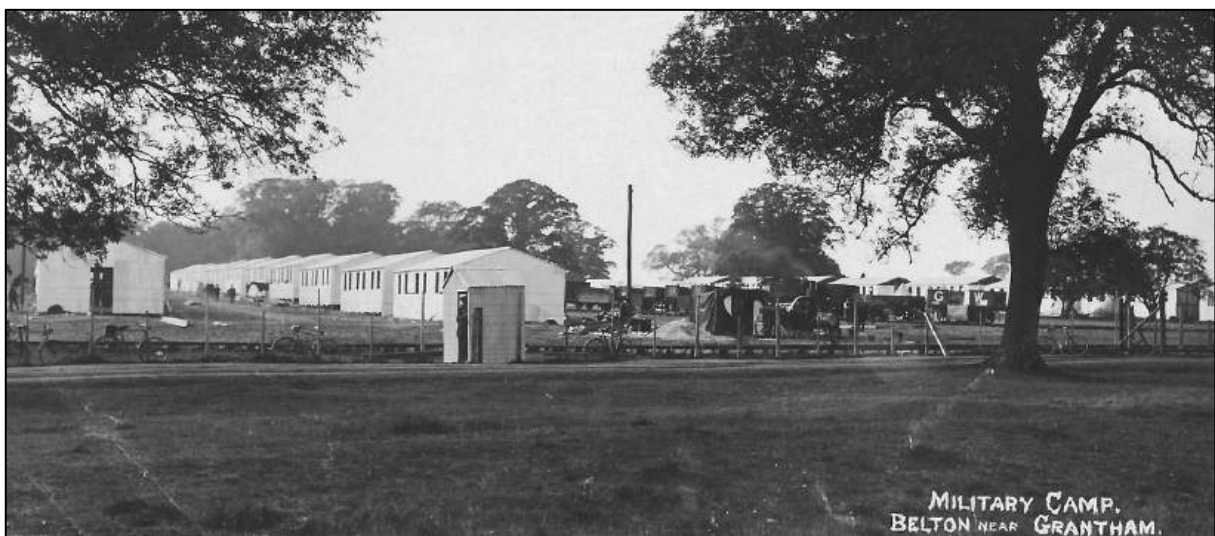
Machine Gun Corps	Depot Transferred Outfit	Private J. 2 1916	11 Funder 2
	100.000/1000/266 (281)	Private 9-5-1916	11 Funder 1
	of 16-12-1915		

His 'Transfer Clothing and Necessaries Statement' show the basic items of uniform William was in possession of.

Transfer Clothing and Necessaries Statement			
STATEMENT shewing the articles of Clothing in possession of a <u>Soldier</u> proceeding from the <u>3rd Bn. K.O. YORKSHIRE L.I.</u> to the <u>Machine Gun Corps Depot</u>			
Date of Transfer <u>8-5-1916</u>			
Regimental No., Rank and Name <u>24200 Pte. D. S. 15</u>			
(Date of enlistment or recommencement of Service <u>8-12-15</u> )			
No.	Articles not in possession to be struck out of the list, and any articles not included should be inserted	No.	Articles not in possession to be struck out of the list, and any articles not included should be inserted
2	Boots, Ankle, or Shoes, Highland, pairs	1	Cloak or Great Coat
	Cap		Spurs, Jack, pairs
	Drawers (insert kind) pairs		
	Freck (insert kind)		
	" Canvas		
	Gaiters, Highland, pairs, drab		Kit of Necessaries, complete
	Gloves, pairs		
	Jacket, Service Dress, or blue		
	Kilt		
	Pantaloons, Cord, pairs		
	Puttees, pairs		
	Shoes, Canvas, pairs		
	Trousers, Service Dress, or blue, pairs		
	" Canvas		
	Waistcoat, Odigan		
Signature of the Soldier <u>Wm. S. D. S.</u>			
Certified that this statement is correct in every particular.			
Date <u>8-5-16</u> <u>By</u> <u>Captain</u>			
Commanding Squadron, Battery, "D" Company.			
Station <u>Belton Park</u> 3rd Bn. K.O. YORKSHIRE L.I. Name of unit man is leaving.			



Belton Park Camp



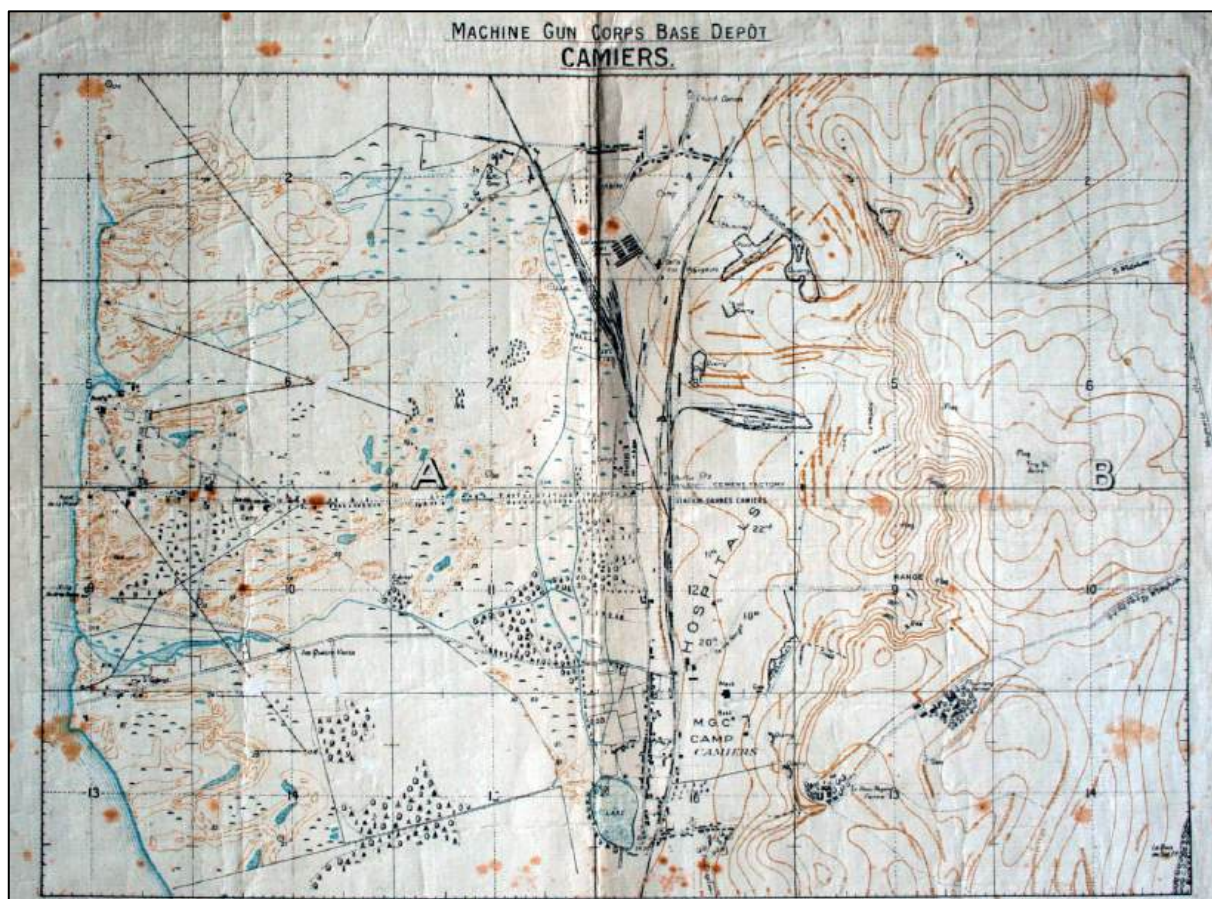
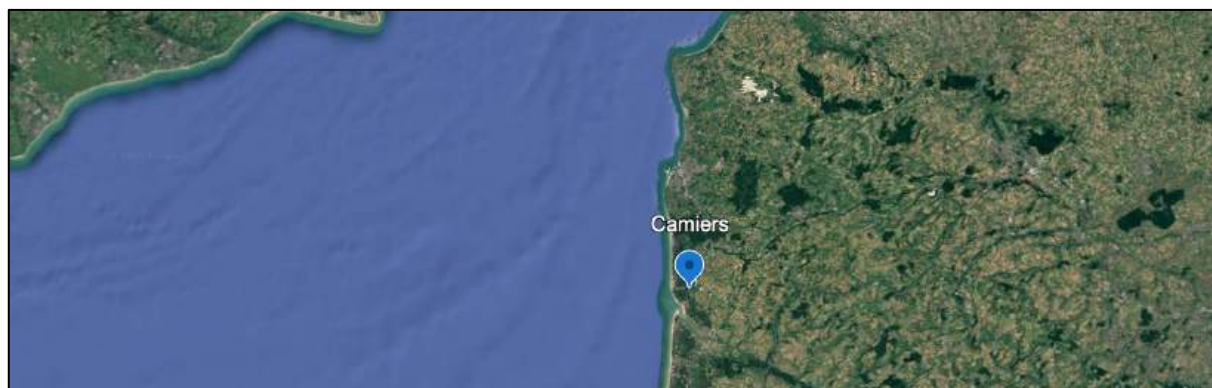
Machine Gunners of the MGC training.





William remained at Belton Park training for only 8 weeks, which may indicate he already had some experience with Machine Guns. On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1916 he headed to join the British Expeditionary Force in France (BEF). on the 18<sup>th</sup> he was posted to the MGC Depot at Camiers. His record note 'M Gun Corps 30 Draft to BEF'

BD,	B.E.F. France	"	17. 7. 16	
	Posted	"	18. 7. 16	
M. Gun Corps 30 Draft.	To B.E.F.		17. 7. 16.	
BD,	Posted		18. 7. 16.	



On the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1916, 4 days after arriving in France William was posted to Company of the MGC. His records state 100 Company but this is crossed out and 19 Company written.

10064	19 Coy	"	21. 7. 16	
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19 Company MGC was attached to the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Division.

Regimental No.	34927
Rank and Name	Pte Plant. W.S.
Regiment or Corps	M. F. C. 19 <sup>th</sup> Bde.

19 Coy MGC had just come out of the line and was at rest at Buire sur L'ancre on the Somme at the end of July 1916. Their War Diary notes a draft of 28 men arriving on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. William may have been part of this draft. 2 other drafts arrive at the end of July, 85 men on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 9 on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

*In the field 23<sup>rd</sup> July Reinforcements of 3 Coy and 25 men arrived from Base*



19 Coy MGC remained at Buire with the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade through the end of July and in to August training, drilling and restructuring following the losses of early July. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 19 Coy moved to west of Fricourt where they continued training. (War Diary extract)

In the field 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	The Company carried out its programme of Advanced Drill for the Senior Men in Coy. and Instruction in Vickers Gun for the Last draft, Every morning from 9.30 am till 12.30 am while the Brigade is at BUIRE.
- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug.	Sergeant WRIGHT & CLARK joined Coy from Base.
- 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	The Company moved from BUIRE sur L'ANCRE to W. of FRICOURT.
- 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	The Company had practice in crawling forward to positions with guns, tripods and ammunition, taking advantage of every possible cover.
- 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	A similar programme to that of the previous day's was carried out.
- 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Morning spent in short route march and physical training.
- 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Capt H. E. Bacon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in command of Coy, appointed OC 95 <sup>th</sup> Mty Coy. Morning spent in Gun Drill.



On the 13<sup>th</sup> August 19 Coy MGC moved to Fricourt, the same day William was admitted to No34 Casualty Clearing Station at Vecquemont with Impetigo (a highly contagious skin infection resulting in red blistering and yellow crusting) the Admission record notes him with the 3<sup>rd</sup> KOYLI attached to 19 MG Coy, 23 years old and 1 month in France.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE BOOK											
34 C.C.S. HOSPITAL											
Index number of admissions. Transfers are not to be numbered consecutively with the admissions, but should be left unnumbered, or numbered in red ink as a separate series	Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or other unit	Squadron, Battery, or Company	Regl. No.	Rank	Surname	Christian Name	Completed years of		Completed months with Field Force	DISEASES (Wounds and injuries in action to be entered according to classification on fly leaf)	
							Age	Service			
15680	33 KOYLI. att 19 MG Coy. 34927				Plant. W.		23	7 1/2	1/2	Impetigo	
Date of Admission		Date of Discharge		Date of Transfer				Number of days under treatment	Number or designation or ward in which treated	Religion	OBSERVATIONS Number and page of case book to be quoted for all cases recorded in it. In transfers the designation of the hospital or sick convey, to which or from which transferred, must be noted here, and any other facts bearing on the man's destination; also in moveable field hospitals the place where the admission, etc., took place should be indicated. Place of action to be noted in case of wounds and injuries received in action.
For original disease	By new disease	To	By new disease	By Death	To	From	From				
	super-vening	Duty	super-vening		Sick Convoy	Other Hospitals	Sick Convoy	Other Hospitals			
13-8-16					13-8-16					CE	31 AT.

The next day, on the 14<sup>th</sup> August he was admitted to No31 Ambulance train at Vecquemont and moved to Rouen.

31 Amb Train HOSPITAL											
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							Age	Service			
61	MGC	19	34927	670	Plant W					Impetigo	
Date of Admission		Date of Discharge		Date of Transfer				Number of days under treatment	Number or designation or ward in which treated	Religion	OBSERVATIONS Number and page of case book to be quoted for all cases recorded in it. In transfers the designation of the hospital or sick convey, to which or from which transferred, must be noted here, and any other facts bearing on the man's destination; also in moveable field hospitals the place where the admission, etc., took place should be indicated. Place of action to be noted in case of wounds and injuries received in action.
For original disease	By new disease	To	By new disease	By Death	To	From	From				
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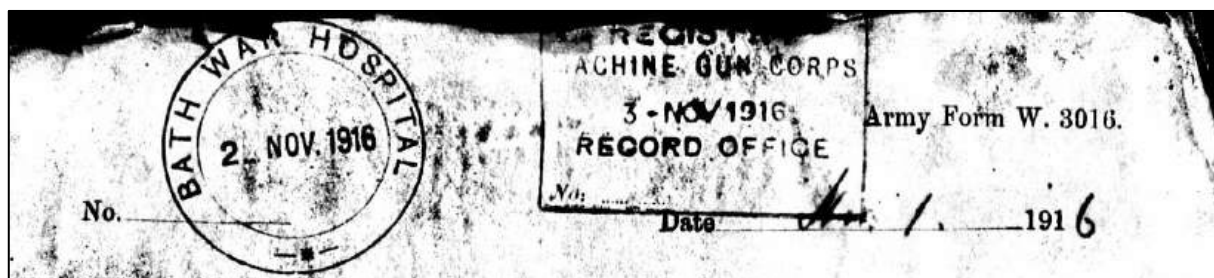


At Rouen William was almost certainly admitted to hospital where he remained until the 18<sup>th</sup> July when he was evacuated back to the UK. He had been in France 33 days.

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There is little documentation for William once he returns to the UK. He was certainly admitted to Hospital and in November 1916 is in Bath War Hospital.



From the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November William was given furlough from the hospital to visit home, his family address noted as his address on whilst on leave. After leave he may have been discharged from hospital as his leave documents noted him fit for duty at 'Command Depot'.



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Date

1. 1916

(1) To the Officer i/c Records,

91 York St.,

London S.W. (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding,

(Station).

(3) The Paymaster,

(Station).

Regimental No. 34927

Rank and Name Pte Plant. W.S.

Regiment or Corps M.F.C. 19<sup>th</sup> Bde.

has been granted a furlough from 2. 11. 16 to 11. 11. 16.

His address while on leave will be:—

174. Vincent Road,  
Sheffield.

I consider he is fit for\*

~~Duty~~  
~~Light duty~~

Command Det.

Edward Tyler REGISTRAR BATH WAR HOSPITAL

lv Officer in charge War Hospital,

Bath (Station).

\* Strike out that which is inapplicable.

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Williams time between November 1916 to July 1917 is not documented, it is possible he was back at the MGC Depot at Belton Park.

By the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1917 he was fully recovered and was on his way back to France, posted to 249 Company MGC.

B. 87	16-7-17	20-10-17	97
249 Coy MGC	Plt 16-7-17		

249 Company had been formed at Belton Park and headed to France on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10 officers, 177 men's and 54 horses.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and
GRANTHAM	July 16/17	2.30a.m.	Entrained 22.
HAVRE	17/7/17	10a.m.	Disembarked 22. Proceeded to Rest Camp

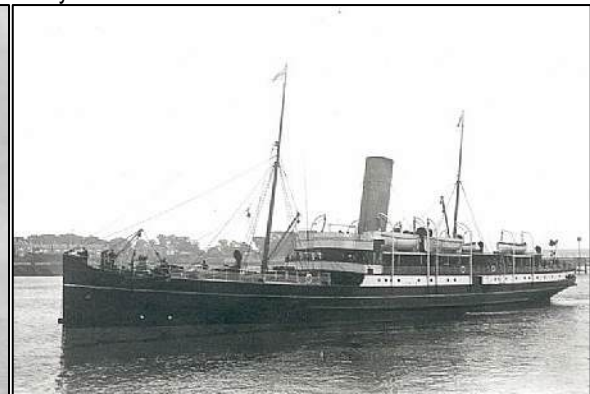
Three ship arrived at Le Havre on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, the SS Archangel, SS Lydia and SS Hunslet. 249 Coy were on one of these vessels.

17th ARRIVALS -				
Reinforcements	192	1115		
Reinforcements for Rouen	4	267		
Prisoners		6		
Servians, %.				ex S.S.-
248th Machine Gun Coy's	10	177	54	ARCHANGEL
249th Machine Gun Coy	10	177	54	LYDIA
935th M.T.Coy	2	44		HUNSLET

SS Archangel



SS Lydia



On the 20<sup>th</sup> July 249 Coy headed north, to Westoutre to join the 14<sup>th</sup> (Light) Division, where they remained billeted until the 27<sup>th</sup> July.



On the 27<sup>th</sup> July A C & D Sections of 249 Coy went on to Anti Aircraft Duty at ammunition dumps at Kemmel, Dranoutre & Baileul, B Section remained at Westoutre Training. The Section remained in these same locations until the 5<sup>th</sup> August when they reunited and the Company marched to Caestre. On they moved to 15<sup>th</sup> to Wippenhoek, 17<sup>th</sup> to Ouderdom and 18<sup>th</sup> to Chateau Segard.



On 19<sup>th</sup> August the men began to move to positions in the line east of Zillebeke at J19a6.8 to J19c5.8

19/8/17	10a.m.	D.C. a Section Officers went up the line to reconnoitre positions for Barrage fire. Positions chosen along line from J19a6.8. to J19c5.8 (Ref sheet 28 ZILLEBEKE)
19/8/17	7.45pm	Working party composed of 4 Officers & 48 other ranks went up line and built gun emplacements on line chosen.
20/8/17	8a.m.	Working party returned to Barrage, having completed construction of 20 emplacements.





The Company suffered it first casualties on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

Chateau Segard	20.8.17.	At 2 pm small party took up 200 S.A.A. boxes by Light Railway to ZILLEBEKE. Carrying party of 3 Officers and 60 O.R. started from camp 8 pm. to take ammunition to gun positions returning 4. am. Hostile shelling severe, casualties, 4 wounded, two of whom subsequently died of wounds.
TRENCHES	21.8.17.	At 7. pm. the Company (less 1 Sub sec. of A and B Sec <sup>n</sup> ) marched to gun positions arriving about 9 pm.
"	22.8.17.	Shortly before dawn small party went down to ZILLEBEKE to bring up remainder of ammunition. On return journey 3 men killed and 3 wounded by shell fire. All guns mounted and laid for Barrage by 6. am. Fire opened at 7.45 am and ceased at 10. am. Hostile shelling continued all day and increased in intensity at night fall. Company suffered irreparable loss in death of LIEUT. T.W.M. WATSON. Casualties Officer, 4 O.R. killed and 9 O.R. wounded.
CHATEAU SEGARD	23.8.17.	At 6.20 am. orders received to withdraw. Ration party suffered two casualties (2 wounded). Withdrawal completed 11.30. am.
"	24.8.17.	At dawn 3 Officers went up to the line with Div. M.G.O. to reconnoitre new gun positions. Midday orders received to send Company to ECOLE VAPRES. Eight guns only available.
"	25.8.17.	At 4. pm orders received to concentrate at CHATEAU SEGARD.
WHIPPENHOEK	26.8.17.	10. pm. Company embarked and proceeded to billets near WHIPPENHOEK.
"	27.8.17.	Training continued
"	28.8.17.	





On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1917 249 Coy MGC marched to Thieushouk where the resumed training and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1917 to Mahutonga Camp. T19b4.6 from there the sections were posted independently the remainder training.



THIEUSHOUK	1.9.17.	Training continued
"	2. "	Marched to MAHUTONGA CAMP (RAVELSBERG AREA), distance about 16 kilos.
MAHUTONGA CAMP	3. " 7.30 pm	Three Sub-sections proceeded to the line to occupy forward and barrage positions, in conjunction with 42 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade.
"	4. "	Training continued.
"	5. "	" "
"	6. "	" "
"	7. "	Three Sub-Sections relieved those in the line. Relief complete 8.45 pm.
"	8. "	Training continued.
"	9. "	" " Casualties - 1 man killed, 1 man wounded.
"	10. "	" "
"	11. "	Sub-Sections in the line relieved (Inter Company) Relief complete 8.15 pm.
"	12. "	Four guns proceeded to TRENT DUMP on anti-aircraft duty.
"	13. "	In the line and on anti-aircraft duty.
"	14. "	" " " " " "
"	15. "	Inter-company relief of three sub-sections in the line. Relief complete 7.45 pm.
"	16. "	In the line and on anti-aircraft duty.
"	17. "	Six guns in the line fired a practice barrage from U.4d onto in conjunction with Artillery barrage.
"	18. "	Six guns in the line fired practice barrage in conjunction with Artillery from U.4d.
"	19. "	In the line and on anti-aircraft duty.
MAHUTONGA CAMP.	20.9.17 5.45 am	Six guns in the line fired a barrage in support of a raid by 41 <sup>st</sup> Brigade; gun positions at ; target
"	21. " 2. pm	Number of rounds fired, Four guns on anti-aircraft duty at TRENT DUMP relieved by Corps Cyclist B <sup>co</sup>
"	22. "	Inter-company relief of guns in the line. One gun withdrawn. Relief complete 8. pm
"	23. "	Training continued and in the line
"	24. "	" " " " " "
"	25. "	" " " " " "
"	26. "	" " " " " "
"	27. "	Inter-company relief of guns in the line. Orders received 7 pm. to concentrate in camp midday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. preparatory to entraining on 30 <sup>th</sup> to proceed overseas.
"	28. "	Five guns in the line relieved by 41 <sup>st</sup> and 42 <sup>nd</sup> M G Coys.
"	29. }	Company concentrated at a Camp in preparation of move.
"	30. }	



On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 249 Coy MGC marched to Bailleul and entrained for Marseilles, heading overseas top the Mediterranean theatre. They arrived in Marseilles arriving on the 4<sup>th</sup> and marching to camp.



On the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1917 249 Coy MGC boarded on the Transport SS Minnetonka, sailing on the 20<sup>th</sup> escorted by 2 Japanese destroyers.



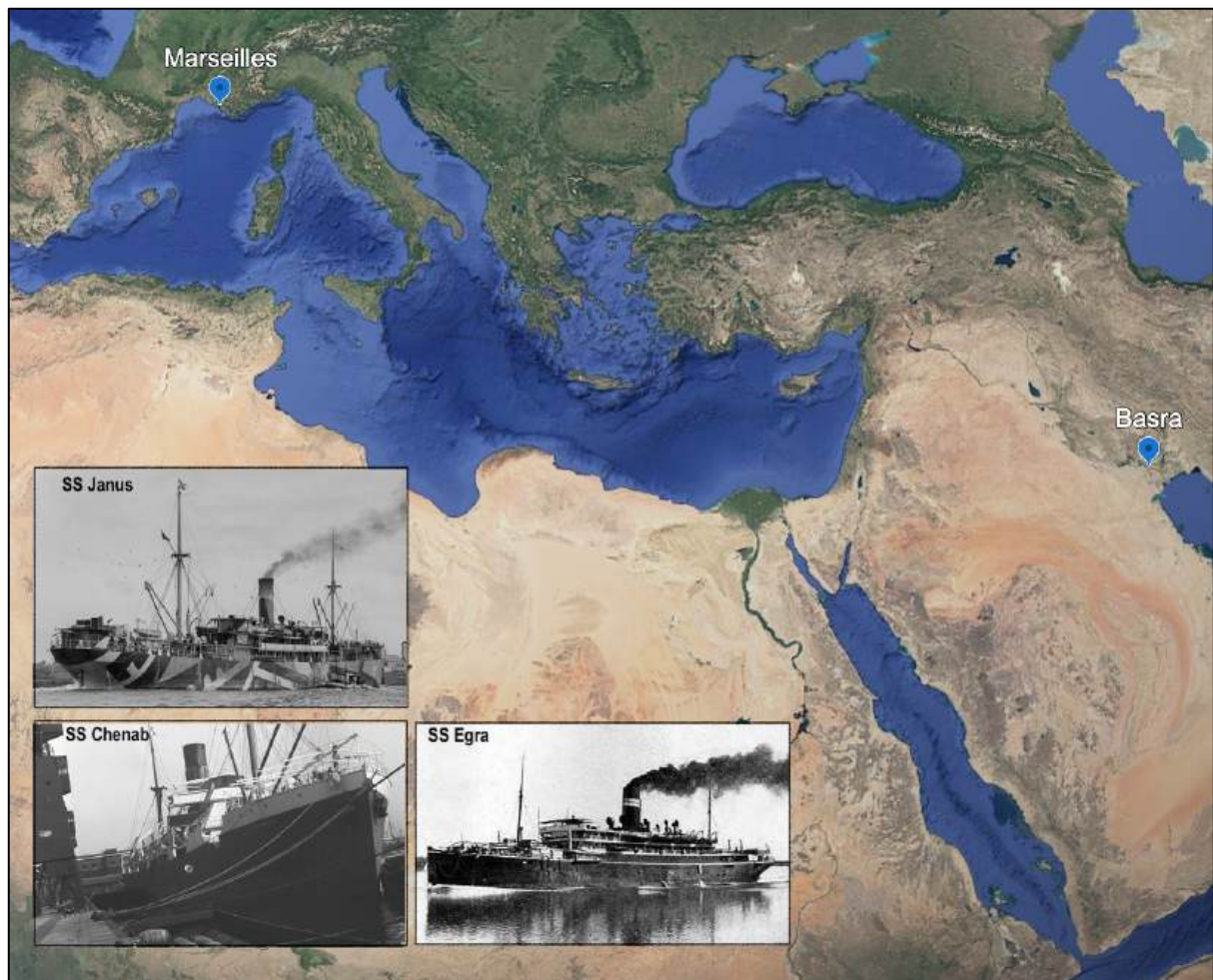
Sailing via Malta and Port Said in very cramp hot conditions they arrived at the mouth of the Shatt el Arab (river) in Mesopotamia (Iraq) on the 7<sup>th</sup> November where they transferred to other transports the Janus, Chenab and Egra then sailing up river to the docks at Magil, Basra where they disembarked an reunited at N°3 Camp Magil. Williams record.

of 1320	249	Embarked Marseilles	Pte	21-10-17					
		Dis - Basrah		10-11-17					
		taken on strength							

AT SEA	21	7 am	Sailed, accompanied by two Japanese destroyers, K and U
"	22		Being to limited space, it was not possible to keep the kit and
MALTA	23		equipment of units separate. This resulted in a certain number of
AT SEA	24		losses. The reduced scale of rations was somewhat felt by the Transport
"	25		Section, who found the work below decks very trying; and after PORT SAID
"	26		it became necessary to clip all animals. One mule became seriously
PORT SAID	27		affected by the heat & had to be shot. The men were daily exercised at
"	28		Physical Training and the general health remained good.
AT SEA	29		
"	30		
"	31		

H.M.T.S.	1		Passed Aden early morning
MINNETONKA	2		
"	3		En route.
"	4		
"	5		
"	6		
"	7		Arrived mouth of SHATT EL ARAB, and anchored.
"	8		1 Officer and 113 O.R. went on board CHENAB and sailed up river
"	9		6 Officers and 20 O.R. of Transport Section transhipped to JANUS
TRANSHIPPING	10		with animals. Majority of lumbars left on MINNETONKA.
and	11		3 Officers and 43 O.R. transhipped to EGRA. Sailed up river 5.30 pm.
DISSEMBARKING	12		Company concentrated at N°3 Camp MAGIL
MAGIL	13		Training continued
"	14		





On the 26<sup>th</sup> November the 249 Company marched to N°9 Warf and embarked on P.S. (Paddle Steamer) 16 & 6 towing 4 barges with 207 Company up the Tigris for Amara arriving at 5:30pm on the 28<sup>th</sup>. On the 29<sup>th</sup> they disembarked and marched to No1 MG Camp.

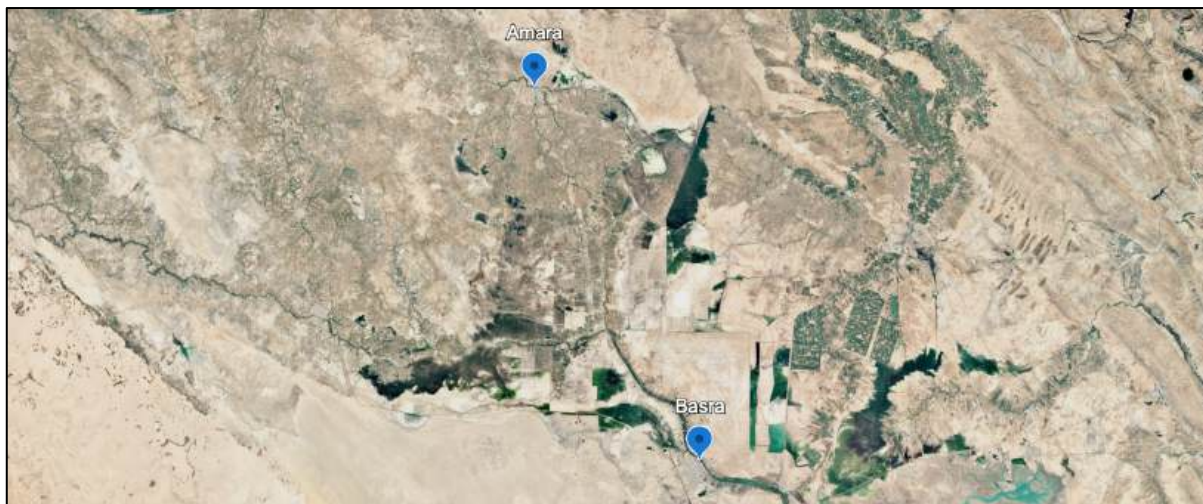
26. 11 am. Marched to No9 Warf and embarked on P.S. 16 and 6 and 4 barges  
 27. with 207 Co. & Co.  
 28. Stop Arrived AMARA 5:30 pm. Went alongside quay, but stayed on board  
 29. 5:30 am. Disembarked and marched to No1 M.G. Camp Strength 9 Officers 416 S.S.R.  
 30. P 16 1 A Co. + 8.10 R.

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Paddle Steamer 14 and another PS with barges attached on the Tigris



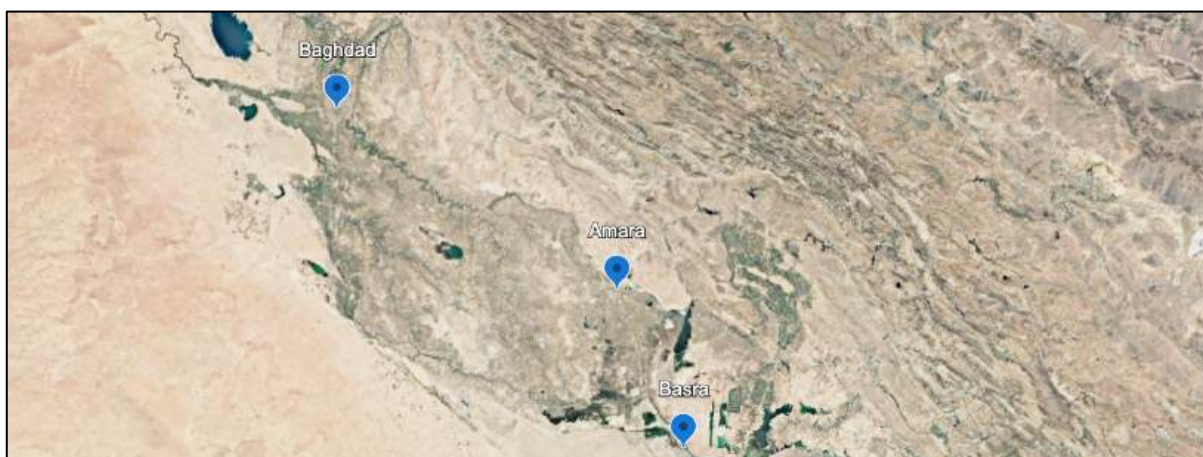




249 MG Company spent the whole of December 1917 and January 1918 at Amara training

AMARA	Dec	1.	Training continued. Strength of Company	9	Officers
"		2.	"	158	B.O.R.
"		3.	"	8	Followers

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1918 the Company HQ with B & C sections embark on PS (Paddle Steamer) 56 heading up river followed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February by A & D section embarking on PS58. On the 6<sup>th</sup> HQ, B & C sections arrived at Bagdad setting camp on the right bank of the river. On the 9<sup>th</sup> A & D sections arrived joining them. here they spent the rest of February training.



Baghdad 1918





Them men left camp near Baghdad on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1918 marching to Khadimain (a northern suburb of the city), on the 13<sup>th</sup> to Mashahidah, 14<sup>th</sup> to Sumaichah and 15<sup>th</sup> to Akab where they spent the rest of March and April 1918 training, providing camp guard & Anti-Aircraft duty and preparing hot weather accommodation.



249 MG Company spent May 1918 on guard duty and escorting Royal Field Artillery Brigades to Samarra and a further 14 miles to Mohamed- el-Hassan, back to Samarra on the 17<sup>th</sup> spending the rest of May there improving the camp.

MAY		
AKAB	1. 2:30 pm	Received orders to march on operation scale to SADIYAH (14 miles) as escort to 336 Bde R.F.A. Section on A.A. duty relieved by 238 M.G. Coy. Column moved at 4:30 pm under command of Major TWEEDIE, D.S.O. Reached SADIYAH 9 pm. In crossing bridge <del>on</del> a field gun and team went over the side and the bridge was broken. B Sec, which was acting as Rear Guard and 2 <sup>nd</sup> line transport were unable to cross till following morning.
ON THE MARCH	2.	Column delayed whilst bridge was repaired. Moved at 10.45 am arriving AKAB (left bank) about 9.15 pm. Route appeared to be very tortuous and not less than 22 miles.
"	3. 5:30 am	Marched with Column C. (Genl NIGHTINGALE, CMB, R.S.O.) to KHAN MIFRASI (16 miles), acting as escort to 336 Bde R.F.A.
"	4. 6 am	Marched to SAMARRA (14 miles) arriving midday.
SAMARRA	5.	In bivouac.
LINE OF MARCH	6. 4 am	C. and B Secs marched with main body to DAUR (20 miles). A Sec. with rear guard D. Sec as escort to 336 Bde R.F.A.
"	7. 6 am	Marched to MOHAMAD AL HASSAN (14 miles) and went into bivouac. Mounted 2 guns for A.A. duty.
MOHAMAD AL HASSAN.	8.	C. Column ordered to prepare and occupy defensive position covering TEKRI (left bank). Company in reserve. One Section ordered to march daily as escort to Convoy leaving TEKRI at 4:30 am for AIN NUKAILAH. A Sec proceeded on this duty but had not gone far when orders came cancelling move.
"	9.	Prepared 4 emplacements for overhead fire.



MOMIN AL HASSAN	10.	C. Sec proceeded as escort to 1 Troop of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Lancers to search Arab hives - returned midday with nothing of importance to report.
"	11.	Prepared four more positions for overhead fire. D. Sec proceeded with 39 <sup>th</sup> GARNWALLS with order to repair road in direction of KHUDDAMIRAH
"	12.	Company in reserve and on AA duty. Excellent grazing obtainable and animals husbanded considerably. No issue of fodder.
"	13.	D. Sec with 39 <sup>th</sup> GARNWALLS moved forward about 8 miles in support of a recon- -naissance by B Squadron 32 <sup>nd</sup> Lancers, 2 LAMB cars and 8 Ford cars armed with M.G.'s
"	14.	D. Sec returned to camp. Orders received for C Column to march to DAUR
LINE OF MARCH	15.	A+B Sec marched at 6 am. to DAUR as escort to 334 Bde RFA. C Column moved at 7 pm halting for 4 hours at midnight and reaching DAUR 7 am
"	16.	Marched at 6 pm halting at yesterday and reaching SAMARRA 7 am
SAMARRA (left bank)	17.	4 BOR's proceeded on leave. Company in reserve
"	18.	In reserve 24 <sup>th</sup> HINDOP proceeds to AKAB to bring up company kit etc.
"	19.	"
"	20.	" This kit and most of the tentage arrived by S-2.
"	21.	" No water supply in camp area allotted by 337 Bde RFA.
"	22.	"
"	23.	" Instructions received by which company became affiliated to 55 <sup>th</sup> Bde RFA
"	24.	" Moved to new camp site S. of 337 Bde RFA and pitched camp.
"	25.	Remainder of tentage, Summer halting and details left behind arrived by train from BELED.

Samarra pictured and a British camp near Samarra.





249 MG Company remained at Samarra through June, July, August, September and into October 1918 training and undertaking courses. There were various movements during this time. On the 30<sup>th</sup> August B Section to Mohamed-el-Hassan, 6<sup>th</sup> September A Section to Daur and 15<sup>th</sup> sept C & D sections to Samarra Aerodrome

On the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1918 the unit received orders to move to Tikrit escorting 337 Brigade Royal Field Artillery arriving on the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

"	8	Received preliminary order to move to TIKRIT on 10 <sup>th</sup> and to start sending surplus kit and tuggage to Divisional dump at SAMARRA STATION.
"	9	Sent remainder of kit to dump. Marched at 4 pm. to camp vacated by 54 <sup>th</sup> Bde. Marching out strength. B.O. 4. BOR. 100/100. 7.
LINE OF MARCH	10. 5.15am	Marched to QANTARAT (15 miles) with 337 B.A.C. Broke two parcel poles crossing SAMARRA defences. Arrived bivouac 12.30 pm.
"	11. 5.30am	Marched to TIKRIT (16 miles). Picked A Section at DAUR. B Section joined the company after arrival at TIKRIT. Both marches were very dusty. Men marched well, no one falling out.
"	"	Came under orders of 54 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde.
TIKRIT	12	In bivouac. All AT. Co. withdrawn for taking supplies up the line
"	13	"
"	14	" Started clipping animals.

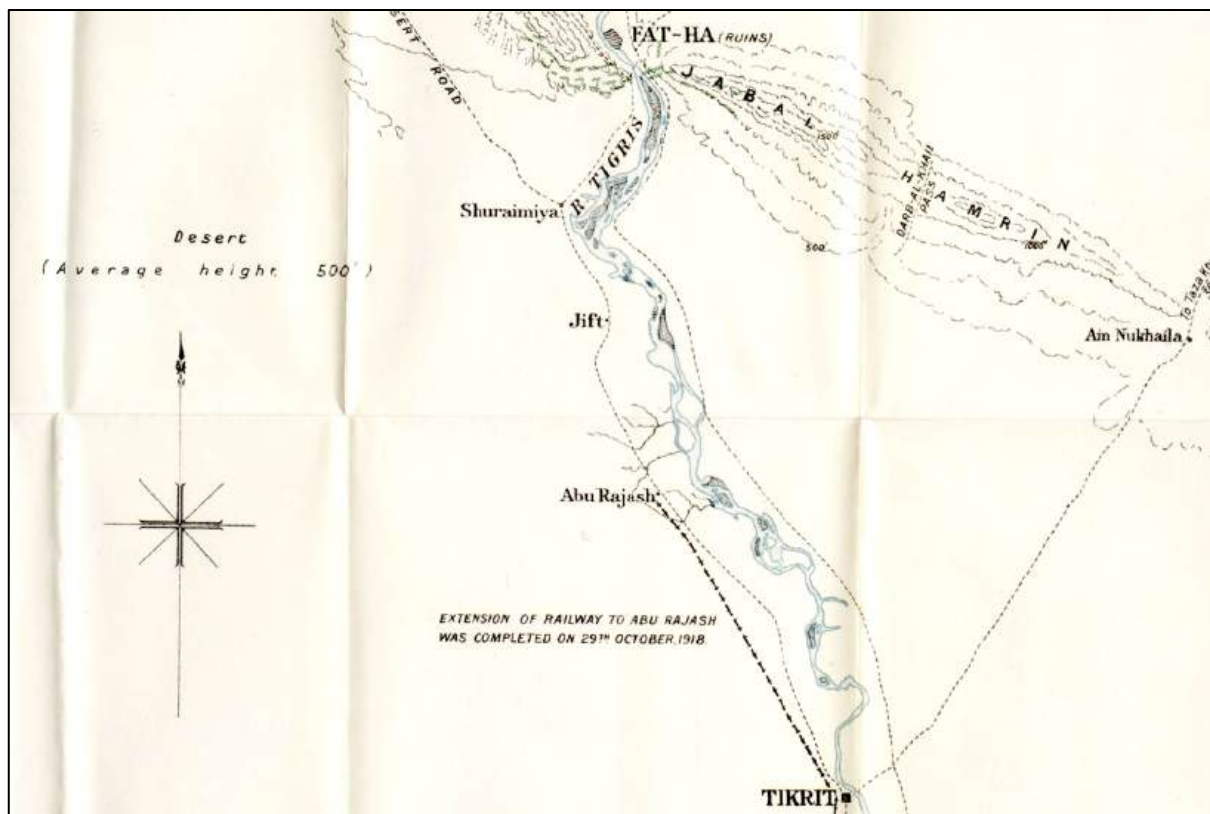


On the 21<sup>st</sup> October the unit marched to Jift Post escorting 337 Brigade RFA in preparation for an attack. The company took up positions and registered on the Turkish trenches. on the 24<sup>th</sup> all guns were brought out of action, the Turks having left the trenches. the company moved forward to Fathah on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

TRENCHES.	23	8. pm Company marched up with 337 Bde RFA and took up positions as shown on sketch map. Transport returned to UMM-AL-AL-LAH.
	3.30pm	Received orders to register on Turkish trenches across the river. 'C' section went forward and registered obtaining good observation, ranges varying from 2500-2800.
TRENCHES	23	5.30pm B and D Sections went forward to new positions. Transport came up and parked in ZAWAIR RAPIDS. Made use of pack transport to bring up guns and ammunition of D Section. Heard unofficially that Turks had left their positions on <del>the</del> left bank.



"	24	6 am	Ready to support attack of 17 <sup>th</sup> Division by enfilade fire on enemy trenches across the river this proved unnecessary as Turks had cleared out and 17 <sup>th</sup> Division were right through by day break.
"		6:30 am	All guns were brought out of action and transport sent up to take them forward. Road was very bad in places. one limber overturned but no damage done. Got through to the FATHAH gorge about 9:30 am where Company was halted and ordered to stand by for orders.
FATHAH	1:15		Moved forward to FATHAH ruins and went into bivouac there. All things considered, the operations proved the superiority of pack over limbered transport for meeting every possible contingency. It is more than probable that had the enemy shown fight at all and had there been any shelling on the road, it would not have been possible to get the limbers through to the gorge. It would then have been necessary to change to pack, resulting in delay and very considerably reducing the ammunition available per gun.
"	25		In bivouac.
"	26		" "



On the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1918 249 MG Company marched to Lesser Zab Camp 800 yards down river. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November they marched to Fat-ha Jift and 4<sup>th</sup> to Laqlaq Island near Jift. Here, near Jift William saw war in the war come to an end with the Armistice on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

The men remained near Jift training through the end of 1918 and in to 1919. The units war diary ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1919.

From February 1918 249 MG Company were part of the 18th Indian Division.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1919 William began the process of his Demobilisation, filling in his statement as to disability stating none. His unit was noted Machine Gun Corp 'attached School of Musketry'

Unit <u>Machine Gun Corps</u>	Surname <u>PLANT</u> (Block letters.)
Regiment or Corps <u>School of Musketry</u>	Christian Names <u>WILLIAM</u> in full <u>STUART</u>
Regtl. No. <u>34927</u>	Rank <u>PLV</u>

3/12/8409  
Army Form 2, 22.

**STATEMENT AS TO DISABILITY.**  
(This form is not applicable to Officers and Soldiers in Hospital or on leave therefrom who will be brought before a Medical Board.)

On Demobilization every Officer and Soldier, whether remaining with the Colours or not, will be given an opportunity of filling in this Form. Should he not wish to put forward any claim in respect of a Disability due to Military Service he must sign the Statement hereunder in the presence of an Officer of the Unit with which he is serving, who will witness the Signature. Whether a Claim is made or not, this Form will be forwarded by the Unit Commander, in the case of every Officer, direct to the Secretary, War Office; and in the case of every Soldier, to the Record Office of his Unit.

Unit Machine Gun Corps  
Regiment or Corps School of Musketry  
Regtl. No. 34927 Rank PLV  
Surname PLANT  
(Block letters.)  
Christian Names WILLIAM  
in full STUART  
Permanent address 174 Vincent Rd  
Sheffield  
Age last birthday 26  
First joined (Date) 8-10-15 at (Place) Sheffield  
Medical Category or Grade in which joined A1

If the Officer or Soldier has previously been discharged from the Army, Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force, he will state:—  
(a) Former Regiments or Corps with Regimental Numbers—  
(b) Dates of discharge  
(c) Causes of discharge  
(d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity received (if any)—

I do not claim to be suffering from a disability due to my military service.  
Place of Examination Sheffield  
Date 29.3.1919  
Signature of Officer or Soldier.  
Signature of Officer witnessing.

Before the claimant answers questions 1—8 the following should be read by, or to, him:—  
"Your statement will be checked by Official Records. In answering question 2, any special matters which in your opinion caused or aggravated any disability from which you are suffering must be clearly stated."  
The claimant will answer the questions in his own words and after completing the form will sign it. The Officer will witness the signature. If the claimant cannot write, he will affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

1. (a) In what countries have you served during this war, and for what periods?  
(b) In what capacity?  
74 Vincent Road  
Sheffield

2. If you are suffering from any disease, wound or injury, state what it is, the date upon which it started, and what in your opinion was the cause of it.  
(If more space is required a sheet of foolscap should be used and attached firmly to this form).  
Common Cold

3. Give the names of any Hospitals, in which you have been treated for the above disabilities during this war.

4. Did you suffer from the disease or injury mentioned in above answer to Question 2, or anything like it, before joining the Army? If so, give details and dates.

5. Give the names and addresses (if you know them) of any Hospitals you were in or Doctors who attended you before you joined the Army.

6. Give the name of your National Health Approved Society and, if possible, your membership number.

8 18 16) GD1387 500,000 10/18 HWV(P496) [P.T.O.]

What is the name and address of your last employer, before joining the Army?

What was:—  
(a) your Industrial Group occupation before joining the Army?  
(b) your trade or calling before joining the Army?  
(To be checked from A.B. 439, A.B. 64, or A.P.B. 105).

The above statement has been read over to me, and I agree to it and have nothing to add to it.

Place of Examination \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Claimant)  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Witness)

**OPINION OF THE EXAMINING MEDICAL OFFICER.**  
(i) Clear and definite answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Examining Medical Officer, as it is essential that the Minister of Pensions should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable him to decide upon the applicant's claim to pension.  
Expressions such as "may," "might," "possibly," &c., should be avoided.  
(ii) The rates of pension vary according to whether the disability is (a) caused or aggravated by service in the present war, (b) due to causes not connected with the present war, viz.: (1) previous active service, (2) climatic diseases in pre-war service, (3) ordinary military service before the war. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of a disability to differentiate between them.  
(iii) When there is more than one disability the replies will distinguish between them.

9. Give Diagnosis and particulars of:—  
(a) Each disability claimed or discovered.  
(b) The present condition thereof.

10. State whether each disability is:—  
(a) Service during the present war.  
(b) Previous active service.  
(c) Climate in pre-war service.  
(d) Ordinary military service before the war.  
(e) Serious negligence or misconduct on the part of the claimant.  
Give details:—  
(i) Attributable to  
(ii) Aggravated

11. (a) Is each disability in a final stationary condition?  
(b) If not is re-examination before the expiration of the period of twelve months specially advised?

12. (a) What is the degree of disablement at which in your opinion he should be assessed at present?  
(Degrees of disablement should be expressed in words in the following percentages: 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or nil)  
(b) In case of aggravation, what in your opinion was the degree of disablement which existed before joining the Army?

Examining Medical Officer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit to which attached \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Examination \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

THIS PORTION IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED IF A CLAIM IS NOT MADE.



The paperwork was signed in [REDACTED]

TO BE CANCELLED IF A CLAIM IS MADE	I do not claim to be suffering from a disability due to my military service.	
	Place of Examination <u>Edulaukh</u>	<u>Wm. S. Plant</u> Signature of Officer or Soldier.
	Date <u>29.3.1919.</u>	<u>Capr.</u> Signature of Officer witnessing.

His Dispersal Certificate filed on the same day notes the equipment he possessed and him being at the School of Musketry MGC.

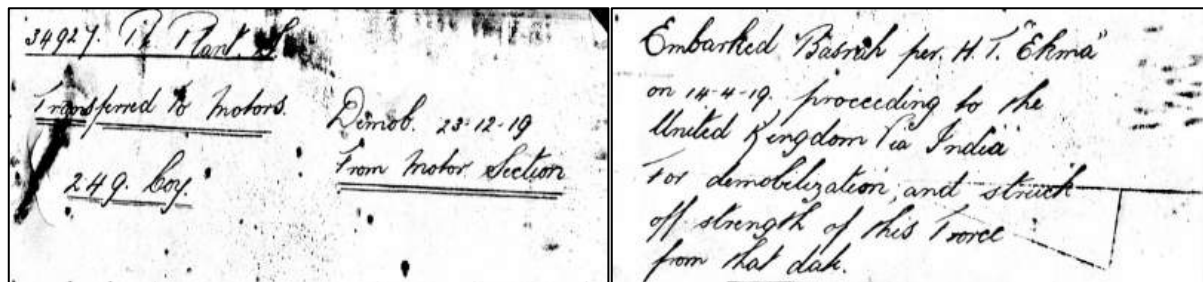
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**DISPERSAL CERTIFICATE (Soldier).**  
*This portion to be given to the Soldier.*

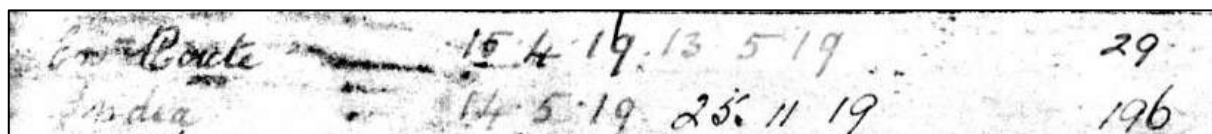
Surname <u>PLANT</u>		Christian names <u>WILLIAM STUART</u>	
Regtl. No. <u>34927</u> Rank <u>Pt.</u>		Dispersal Unit stamp and date of dispersal	
Record Office <u>South Kensington</u>		For Code Nos. only	
Pay Office <u>do.</u>			
Address for Pay <u>174 Lincoln Road</u>		Dispersal Area No. <u>56</u>	
<u>Sharrow, Sheffield</u>		(The items below marked c to be coded by the Unit)	
Railway Stn. to which proceeding after dispersal <u>Sheffield</u>		Theatre of War or Command <u>M.E.F. c</u>	
*He is in possession of the following articles of equipment:— <u>Sword, cut-throat, and scabbard</u> <u>Rifle</u> <u>Pistol</u> <u>Sword-bayonet and scabbard</u> <u>Complete equipment according to unit</u> <u>Entrenching implements</u> <u>Steel helmet</u> <u>Great coat</u> <u>Army Book 64</u>		Regt. (Present <u>M.G.C.</u> or <u>Original</u> <u>School of Musketry</u> )	
		Unit with which now serving <u>School of Musketry</u>	
I certify that I carry no ammunition, and that the above statement of equipment is correct. I also understand that if I lose any of the above articles I am liable to be charged.		Industrial Group No. <u>37</u>	
Signature of Soldier <u>Wm. S. Plant</u>		Reason for early release <u>c</u>	
Signed <u>Wm. S. Plant</u> (Rank) <u>Major</u>		Born in the year (Year to be inserted in column for Code Nos.) <u>1892</u>	
Commanding <u>School of Musketry</u>		Place of rejoining in case of emergency <u>Rejoin</u>	
Date <u>29.3.1919</u>		Trade or Calling <u>Black</u>	
		Medical Category <u>A1</u>	
		As far as can be ascertained he is for— Final Demobilization Re-enlistment Transfer to Reserve Service in Regular Army	
		Married or Single <u>Single</u>	
		Specialist Military Qualifications—	

The Officer Commanding will del. to the items not in possession of the soldier and initial the deletion.  
When a Corps is composed of more than one part, the part to which the Unit belongs must be stated, e.g., R.E. 23rd Field Co.; R.E. 101 Divisional Signal Co.; A.S.C., H.T., 2nd Co.; A.S.C., M.T., 3rd Co.  
The Officer Commanding will quote number only according to the following list, and where there is more than one reason the first in order on the list must be given: (1) Demobilizer (2) Pivotal man (3) Release slip (4) Priority group (5) Length of Service in the Field (6) Serving on war engagement (7) Remaining with the Colours (8) Dispersed direct from Hospital (9) Repatriated Prisoner of War (10) Other reasons.  
Delete the three headings not applicable.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1919 William embarked from Basra on the Hired Transport (HT) Ekma, heading to the UK via India for Demobilization.



Williams record show him 'En-route' to India 15<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> May 1919 arriving in India on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1919.



It is not noted where in India William arrived (possibly Bombay) nor where he was sent on disembarking. He was probably sent to the demobilisation camp at Deolali (Doolally) just outside Bombay but he was not destined for Demobilisation.





## Deolali Camp



Though the armistice had been signed and the war over there was growing unrest on the North West Frontier of India. In May 1919 war broke out between British India and Afghanistan resulting in tribal warfare.

With a need for combat experienced troops in to send north William was transferred to the Armoured Motor Batteries of the Machine Gun Corp. His official date of transfer to the 11th Armoured Motor Battery was the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1919 though he was possibly with them before that.

Transferred to	Transferred to No 11 AM Batty		
with effect from	3-6-19		
Authy: T. H. H. and NO 42854			

Sqn. Batty. } or Company. }	No 11 Armoured Motor Batty	Corps	Date of
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The 11th Armoured Motor Battery (AMB) was created in Ambala, India, in 1915. The battery consisted of three Straker-Squire Armoured Cars, plus support elements. In 1919 they were part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Motor Brigade along with the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Armoured Motor Battery.

After the Great War, the three mentioned Straker-Squire were replaced by three Austin Armoured Cars of the 4th series, from the Middle East.

11th Armoured Motor Battery – early photo.



The 11th Armoured Motor Battery (AMB) joined the Baluchistan Force at Quetta on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1919 from Ambala.

<i>List of British Army units employed on the North-West Frontier, etc.—concl.</i>				
Unit.	Force.	Date of joining Force.	From	REMARKS.
ARMOURD CARS AND M. G. CORPS—contd.				
No. 8 Armoured Motor Battery .	Baluchistan Force .	17th July 1919 . . . . .	Hyderabad (Sind)	For Baluchistan Area.
No. 11 Armoured Motor Battery	Ditto	30th June 1919 . . . . .	Ambala	To Quetta.

Williams record noted him at Ambala

*Ambala*

A. F. B178.  
Gratis.  
2-10-19.

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.  
Army Form B. to be used 178A for Special Reserve recruits  
and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

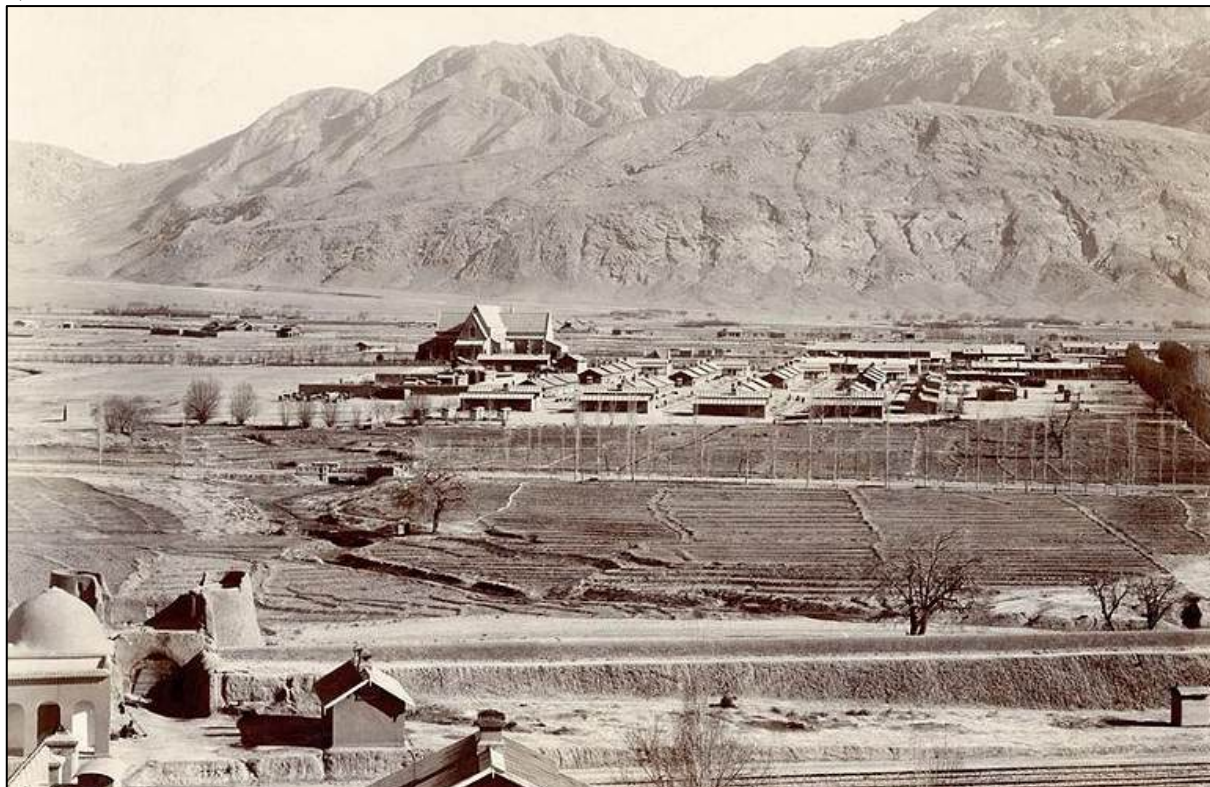
**MEDICAL HISTORY of**

Surname PLANT Christian Name W. S.

Ambala Barracks



Quetta





On the 28<sup>th</sup> July 1919 11<sup>th</sup> AMB headed to Hindubagh, they may have been part of the Railway Protection troops. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July the Station at Hindubagh had been attacked and burned.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. McRae, who was commanding the Railway Security Troops, moved up to Hindubagh with No. 11 Armoured Motor Battery. A party of tribesmen attempted to attack the armoured cars 7 miles from Hindubagh as they mistook them for transport lorries, but they were driven off and dispersed. A few shots were also fired from Karezgi fort, 1½ miles west of Hindubagh, which was in the hands of the enemy.

On arrival at Hindubagh it was found that the squadron of Skinner's Horse and a squadron of Alwar Lancers, who had arrived that afternoon from Kila Saifulla, were attacking Karezgi fort. The 2 sections of No. 19 Motor Machine Gun Battery were also in action in the hills to the north of the post. Colonel McRae considered that the arrangements for the attack were unsound, and he, therefore, ordered the fight to be broken off. On the following morning, the 29<sup>th</sup>, Karezgi was occupied without opposition, and a permanent garrison of 60 rifles was placed in the fort. The Jind Infantry left for Harnai on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, and after this the district was less disturbed.



Civil & Military Gazette (Lahore) 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1919

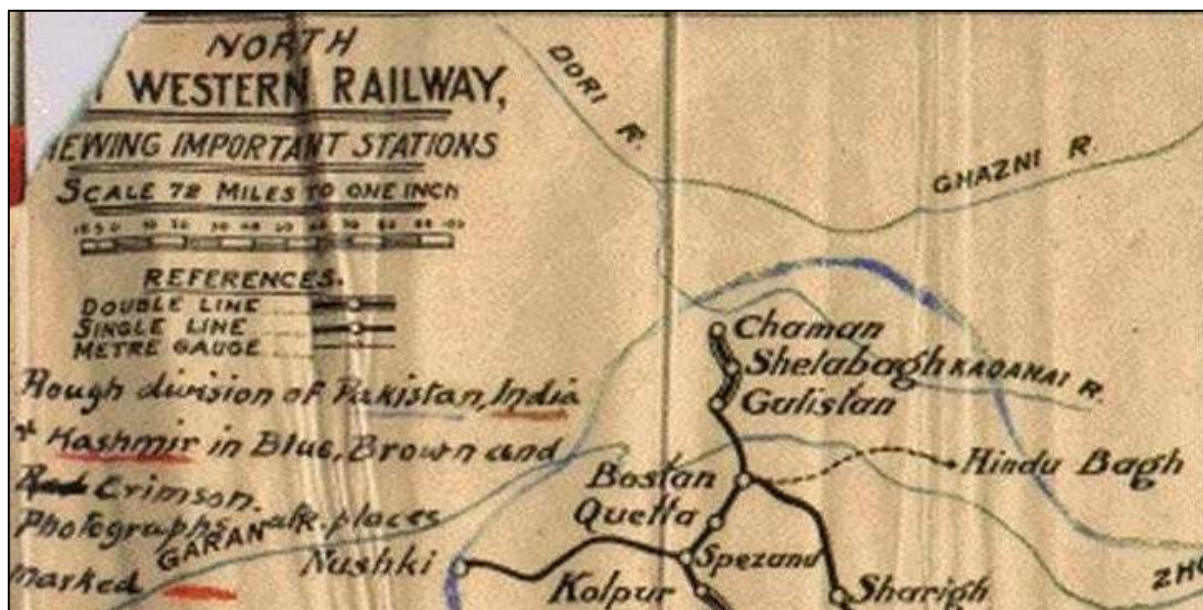
## DISPERSED BY BRITISH FIRE

Simla, July 31.

A Press *communiqué* says:—There has been no change in the general situation. Reports from Waziristan state that a *lashkar* of Wazirs and Mahsuds, leaving Wana for Zhob, took with them by force an Afghan gun and its gunners. This gun was one of the two which were in Waziristan with a small force of Afghan

irregulars already reported. Parties of Waziris and other tribesmen are still in the vicinity of Fort Sandeman. Considerable sniping took place there on the 29<sup>th</sup>. On the 29<sup>th</sup> a part of the tribesmen and militia deserters attempted to intercept an armoured motor battery proceeding to Hindubagh. Heavy fire was opened on the enemy and they fled to the Hills after sustaining about 30 casualties. The motor battery reached Hindubagh without further incident.





Little is known of 11<sup>th</sup> AMB movements through August and September 1919, they possibly stayed in the Quetta area.

By the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1919 William was in Karachi with 'Malaria MT in blood' and by the 6<sup>th</sup> was in Colaba Hospital in Bombay.

5/10/19. From Karachi as  
Malaria: MT in blood.

Table II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital or to the

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital.			Discharged from Hospital.			Disease.	Number of days in Hospital.
	Day.	Month.	Year.	Day.	Month.	Year.		
WAR HOSPITAL 2 OCT 1919 COLABA	6	10	19	27	10	19	Malaria (m?)	12

Remark bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.

5/10/19 From Karachi as Malaria  
MT in blood  
Upland + +  
Ground water negative in the 24.10.19

Signature of Medical Officer.  
J. Brown  
Captain, R.A.M.C.





William was discharged from hospital on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1919.

A. R. 172;  
Modified for India.  
G. 1111.  
18-2-10

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

Form.—This form will be used to convey, to the M. O. responsible for the medical returns of the unit, information when an individual patient is placed on or taken off the strength by another M. O. and whenever patients are transferred to another Hospital.

Hospital **COLABA**

No. of case.	Corps.	Regt. No.	RANK AND NAME. (Surname first: If married, write M. under his name.)	COMPLETED YEARS OF		Admitted* into hospital.	Discharged from hospital.	DISEASES.  Also operations.	Died or discharged while and where.
				Age (last birth day.)	Service.* Total. In India.				
11 <sup>th</sup> G. M. B.		3497	P. PLANT, W. S.	26	4 2	6-10-19	27-10-19	25 <sup>a</sup> Malaria.	*

(Write **DIED** in case of death, and **R.** for recovered)

WAS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.		Duration of disease in days.	OBSERVATIONS. Respecting the causation of illness and its permanent effects.	The details in the columns marked* have been correctly extracted from the Admission and Discharge Book of the above Hospital this _____ day of _____ 19, by Particulars of discharge, &c., filled in and the certificate forwarded to the M. O. charge _____ day of _____ 19, by _____	Name _____ Rank Captain, R.A.M.C.
State of health. (Whether finally or otherwise.)	Destination.				

Insert here the circumstances which obtained  
this man being treated elsewhere than in the  
hospital of his regiment such as—

On detached duty, on recruiting  
service, on furlough, left behind  
on removal of corps, &c. &c.

A.—When this form is used to report the case of a man who becomes ill while absent from his corps, the whole of the columns must be filled up by the M. O. by whom he is treated.

B.—21-9-15—3,500 Bks.

FIELD MEDICAL CARD.		Date of entry and medical unit admitting must be recorded immediately on admission. Brief clinical notes to be added later and signed by M. O.	
<p>Arrow Form W. 5111.</p> <p>No. 3497 Rank P.</p> <p>Name PLANT, W. S.</p> <p>Unit 11<sup>th</sup> G. M. B.</p> <p>Soldier's Cause. Accidentally Wounded. " Sick."</p> <p>No. of F. A.</p> <p>Date of admission</p> <p>F. A. diagnosis</p> <p>Additional F. A. Notes to be written on back of card.</p> <p>C. C. S. diagnosis (if altered from above)</p> <p>Base Hospital diagnosis (including complications)</p> <p>25<sup>a</sup> Malaria (see)</p> <p>See Chapter 4, Secs.—6725—6728—1,01,000 (Edn. 19)</p>		<p>No. of C.C.S. _____</p> <p>Date of entry _____</p> <p>No. of Hospital _____</p> <p>Date of entry _____</p> <p>1109. Malaria, 11 T in 60.</p> <p>25<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>26<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>27<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>28<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>29<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>30<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>31<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>32<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>33<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>34<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>35<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>36<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>37<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>38<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>39<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>40<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>41<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>42<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>43<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>44<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>45<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>46<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>47<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>48<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>49<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>50<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>51<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>52<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>53<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>54<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>55<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>56<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>57<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>58<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>59<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>60<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>61<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>62<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>63<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>64<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>65<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>66<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>67<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>68<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>69<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>70<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>71<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>72<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>73<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>74<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>75<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>76<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>77<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>78<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>79<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>80<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>81<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>82<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>83<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>84<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>85<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>86<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>87<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>88<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>89<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>90<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>91<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>92<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>93<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>94<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>95<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>96<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>97<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>98<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>99<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p> <p>100<sup>a</sup> Malaria</p>	

# MALARIA CASE SHEET.

## INSTRUCTIONS.

A malaria case sheet will be kept for each man who has an attack of malaria during the year.

A separate roll for each Regiment and Battery will be kept of these men.

All cases should be admitted to Hospital.

After discharge from Hospital each case should be treated with quinine for at least four months.

Especial care should be taken in the case of men suffering from malignant tertian infection, to ensure that they do not return to barracks while crescents are to be found in the finger blood.

No man should be struck off the roll until four months have elapsed since the last manifestation of the disease, during which time he has been under continuous quinine treatment.

Name *PLANT* No. *34927* Age *26* Service *4*

Regiment or Battery *11<sup>th</sup> A. R. B.*

Company or Squadron.

(1) Particulars of first attack in 1917 e.g., clinical and microscopical features, treatment, etc.

Admitted *6 - 10 - 19*

Discharged *27. 10. 17*

(2) Whether fresh infection or recurrence of old infection?

(a) If fresh infection, give dates shewing where probably acquired.

(b) If old infection, give particulars of previous attacks, e.g., dates, variety of parasite found, etc.

## TREATMENT.

(Any recurrences that may occur during this course of convalescent treatment will be entered as they occur, in red ink, giving full details.)

Date.	Treatment and remarks.
<i>1/9.</i>	<p><i>From Karachi as malaris</i>  <i>MT in blood.</i></p> <p><i>Spleen ++</i>  <i>Anaemia ++</i>  <i>Bld negative on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst</i></p> <p><i>Mos + Quin 30 tabs</i>  <i>R. Brown</i>  <i>Calcutta</i></p>



4 weeks later, by the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1919 William was back in the UK at the Demobilisation Centre, Ripon Camp where his Protection and identity certificate was issued. He was discharged on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1919.

6/24/17/20309

**IF FOUND, please drop this Certificate in a Post Office letter box.** Army Form Z. 11.

**NOTICE.** "This document is Government property. It is no security whatever for debt, and any Person being in possession of it, either as a pledge or security for debt, or without lawful authority or excuse, is liable under Section 156 (9) of the Army Act to a fine of twenty pounds (£20) or imprisonment for six months, or to both fine and imprisonment."

**PROTECTION CERTIFICATE AND CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY**  
(SOLDIER NOT REMAINING WITH THE COLOURS).

Dispersal Unit Stamp and date of dispersal.

Surname PLANT

Christian Names William Stuart

Regt. No. 34927 Rank Pte Record Office South Division

Unit 1st Battalion, The Buffs Pay Office General Post Office

I have received an advance of £3. † Address for Pay 174 Vincent Road

(Signature of Soldier) Wm Stuart Plant

The above-named soldier is granted 28 days' furlough from the date stamped hereon pending (as far as can be ascertained) which will date from the last day of furlough after which date uniform will not be worn except upon occasions authorized by Army Orders.

Theatre of War or Command MEF

Born in the Year 1893

Medical Category A1

Place of rejoining in case of emergency Gloucester

Specialist Military Qualification

\* If for Final Demobilization insert 1.  
Disembodiment insert 2.  
Transfer to Reserve insert 3.

† As this is the address to which pay and discharge documents will be sent unless further notification is received, any change of address must be reported at once to the Record Office and the Pay Office as noted above, otherwise delay in settlement will occur.

27 NOV 1919

**This Certificate must be produced when applying for an Unemployed Sailors and Soldier's Donation Policy or, if demanded, when applying for Unemployment benefit.**

Date 26/11/19 Office of Issue REGISTRATION MACHINE Policy issued No 45385

28 NOV 1919  
m/168/44792  
RECORD OFF

(3)

Record Office. Serial No.

**INTER-OFFICE NOTIFICATION OF DEMOBILIZATION OF A SOLDIER.**

No. 34927 Rank Pte Name William Stuart Plant

Unit and Corps 1st Battalion, The Buffs

was ☒ Discharged  
☒ Transferred to Class Z, Army Reserve  
☒ Transferred to Section B, Army Reserve on 23.12.19 (date).  
☐ Disembodied

His home address is 174 Vincent Road, Sheffield

DATE STAMP. 26/11/19

Initial of Officer i/c Section, or Deputy Superintending Clerk. W. H. H.

Strike out where not applicable.

Army Form W. 5083.

W0283—GD1913 3,000,000 2/19 HWV (P283) H3000

William left service with a clean conduct sheet his caricature noted as Good.

No. 34927 Name: *Plant S* 24927 No. 11 Armoured Motor Battalion

Date of last red ink entry: *1919* Date of enlistment: *1918* G. O. or G. S. Pay: *1918* A. F. B. 123-M.

Signature, O. C. Double Company, etc. *W. J. Smith* Character: *Good*

Place	Date of offence	Rank	Offence	Name of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order despatched. By whom awarded, if with trial	REMARKS
							<i>Notified Somerset</i>

*for demobilization*  
*of strength of this force*  
*from that date.*

No. 11 Armoured Motor Battalion

REGIMENTAL CONDUCT SHEET. 11 11 19 Army Form B 120.

Machine Gun Corps

Regimental Number and Name: *34927 Plant S* Regiment of: *Machine Gun Corps* Attested: *191* Joined: *191*

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Offence	Name of Witnesses	PUNISHMENT awarded	By whom	Date of award or of order despatched, if with trial	Date of suspension	REMARKS
		<i>He</i>							<i>Notified Somerset</i>

*for demobilization*  
*of strength of this force*  
*from that date.*

No. 11 Armoured Motor Battalion

In August 1920 Pension and Disability Documents were submitted

W6685—GD1759 500,000 1/19 HWV(P1145/2) 9966—P2092 500,000 8/19 Army Form Z. 69.

Form of Receipt to accompany Documents and Statement as to Disability (Army Form Z. 22). (See para. 3024 Demobilization Regulations.)

Received from Officer i/c Records the documents of Regtl. No. *34927* Rank *Private*

Names in full (Surname first) *Plant S* Date Stamp *9 AUG. 1920*

Unit and Corps *Machine Gun Corps*

Temporary Army Form B. 103 only forwarded. (Strike this portion out if not applicable.)

NOTES.

- The Officer i/c Records will complete the above particulars, and will stamp the form with the Record Office date stamp with the date on which the documents were despatched. This stamp will take the place of any signature.
- The Ministry of Pensions will affix the date stamp of that Ministry as a receipt for the documents, and return the form to Officer i/c Records.

of Record Office. Date Stamp

of Ministry of Pensions.



His disability was noted as Malaria Attributed to service, a 20% disability and was paid 8 shillings a week.

Ref. No. 4/M/P/2304 Date Aug 9 21/10/19

**FIRST AWARD—SOLDIER. A  $\frac{19}{2}$**

29 SEP 1920

Name PLANT William  
(Surname first)  
Regiment or Corps The 4th Corps

Disch. 23-11-19 Regtl. No. 34927  
Date of Demob. 23-11-19  
Disemb.

Address 174 Vincent Road  
Sheffield 4, York

Rank for Pension Pte Year of Birth 1893

Nature of Disability Code No. 22

Disability { 1. Malaria 1. Attrib } Attrib.  
2. 2. } Aggrav.  
3. 3. } Non-attrib.

Warrant and Article Art 1019

Nature of Award Bonal

% of Disability.	Weekly Rate.		Date of Commencement.	Date of Expiry.
	Man.	Allowance for Wife and Children		
<u>20%</u>	<u>8 d.</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2-7-20</u>	<u>30-8-20</u>
<u>20%</u>	<u>8 d.</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>31-8-20</u>	<u>30-8-21</u>

Gratuity Amount —

Marital Status —

Year of Birth of Wife —

No. of Children { Males — } Yr. of Birth, eldest —  
Females — } Yr. of Birth, youngest —

1 OCT 1920

RECORD OFFICE

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Records

Alexandra Palace

N. 22/60

W.B. & L. Ltd. E5783.

He was paid 8 shillings a week through 1921 & 1922 undergoing regular assessments with no grounds for further award in 1923,

Transferred to—  
 Form No. S.B. 36. **PLANT** Christian **W.** Regional No. **4/M P/ N° 2304**  
 Surname (in block letters) **PLANT** Unit and Regiment or Corps **M.G.C.** Regt. No. **34927** Rank **61**  
 Date of Discharge **24-11-19** Year of Birth **1874** Marital Status **S. = Single**  
**W. = Widower**  
**M. = Married**  
 Address **174 Vincent St. Sheffield** Date of commencement of Pension  
 Disabilities:—**Malaria** State whether attributable to or aggravated by Service or non-attributable:—  
 1. **Malaria** 2. **DORMANT** 3. 4.  
 Particulars of Awards for previous Service (if any)  
 POST-AWARD CORRESPONDENCE.  
 Date of Letter ACTION TAKEN. NOTE.—In this column are to be entered particulars of action taken before a definite reply can be given, e.g., date of acknowledgment, date of reference to Local Committee or to Records, and date of their reply.  
 Date of final disposal REMARKS  
 29-9-20 20% 1. (1) 19 P. C. 8/- 31-8-20 30-8-21  
 17-10-21 20% 1. (1) 19 P. C. 8/- 31-8-21 15-10-21  
 14-11-21 20% 1. (1) 19 P. C. 8/- 31-8-21 31-10-21  
 21-9-22 20% 1. (1) 19 P. C. 8/- 31-8-21 1-1-23  
 2-11-23 Nil. (No grounds for further award)  
 Wt 17045/2707 8270 lbs 8/10 J. H. & S. E5022 CR7012 RHD0 P.T.O.

AWARDS OF PENSION, GRATUITY OR WEEKLY ALLOWANCE.											
Date of Award or other Action	Degree of Disablement	Nature of Award			Weekly Rate			No. of Children under 16	Period of Award		REMARKS: Note—This column is to be used for explanatory remarks where necessary, e.g., that an award is made or revised under Article 6, or as the result of an appeal to the Tribunal, or for increase of Pension
		Art. under which granted (and Warrant if necessary)	Whether Pension (gratuity or weekly allowance)	Whether Permanent Conditional or Final	Man	Wife	Child		From	To	
29-9-20	20%	1. (1). 19	P. C.	8/-	—	—	—	31-8-20	30-8-21		
22-10-21	20%	1. (1) 19	Nil.	8/-	—	—	—	27-8-21	15-10-21	2	
4-11-21	20%	"	based on then	8/-	—	—	—	19-10-21	31-10-21	2	
14-11-21	20%	1. "	based on then	8/-	—	—	—	canal to	31-10-21	2	
21-9-22	20%	1. (1) 19	P. C.	8/-	—	—	—	1-11-22	1-1-23		
2-11-23	Nil.	(No grounds for further award)									

**PLANT** **Wickham**  
**M.G.C.** **34927**  
**SFH 28457** **4/M P/ 2304**  
**23.11.19.** **5 OCT 1920**  
**174, Vincent Rd,**  
**Sheffield**  
**30.9.20.**  
**at 8/- from 2.7.20.**  
**to 30.8.20** **Chelmsford** **4. M.P. 2304.**  
**Received 29.9.20.**



For his war service William revived the 1915 star, British war and Victory Medals

<p>ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.</p> <p>7 JUL 1921</p> <p><b>POST CARD.</b></p> <p>The Officer in Charge of Records, MACHINE GUN CORPS</p> <p>Alexandra Palace, London, N.22.</p> <p>Army Form B.5112.</p>	<p>RECORD OFFICE, Alexandra Palace, London N.22.</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the</p> <p>I am directed to forward the accompanying War Medal, Victory Medal, which has been awarded to you in respect of your services with the</p> <p>Please complete receipt and return this card. No stamp is required.</p> <p>i/o Records. (189) W.211, P.4101 500m 4/21v 3451 O &amp; S 603</p>	<p>14 2057/29</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the</p> <p>Regtl. No. <u>34927</u></p> <p>Rank <u>Private</u></p> <p>Signature <u>W.S. Plant</u></p> <p>Unit <u>M.G.C.</u></p> <p>Date <u>Aug 6/- 1921</u></p>
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<p>My present address is:-</p> <p>174 Vincent Road Sharrow, Sheffield</p> <p>(Signed) <u>W.S. Plant</u></p> <p>(Rank) <u>Private</u></p> <p>(Regt. No.) <u>34927</u></p> <p>(Begt.) <u>M.G.C. (M)</u></p> <p>1897 W.1064/P.4172 500m 4/21v 1001 O &amp; S 198 22</p>	<p>RECEIVED POST CARD. ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.</p> <p>To Officer in Charge, PERCY HOUSE SCHOOLS, ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.</p> <p>WAR OFFICE Army Form W.5133</p>
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MACHINE GUN CORPS (NOTES)		REGIMENT OR CORPS.		B. 145.	
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and the British War Medal granted under Army Orders					
Theatre of war in which served					
NAME		Threats awarded (to be left blank)		REMARKS	
Regt. No.	Rank	From	To	From	To
34927.	Gnr. PLANT, William.	54927 M.G.C. (M)	Pte		
	Stuart.	34927 M.G.C. (M)			
				Class. 24th. 23-12-19.	

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
PLANT, William S	M.G.C.	Pte	34927
Medal.	Ref.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	M.M.G./103 B.2	145	
BRITISH	-	-	
STAR			
IND-GS-AFGN-NWFF 1919 (ROLL 18024-213)			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
Address 174, Vincent Road Sharrow Sheffield			

He also received the India General Service Medal with 1919 North West Frontier Clasp.

MACHINE GUN CORPS.		Corps or Department.		FOLIO 216.	
Medal Roll of individuals entitled to the "India General Service Medal, 1908," with clasp inscribed "Afghanistan, North-West Frontier, 1919," under the provisions of Army Order No. 223, dated 3rd June 1920.					
AT THE TIME THE DECORATION WAS EARNED.			ENTITLED TO		
Regimental or Departmental Number.	Rank.	Name.	Corps or Department in which the Decoration was earned.	Whether already in possession of the Indian Medal of 1908.	REMARKS.
34927.	Pte.	PLANT William S	11th A.M. Bty.	No	Class 'E' 23-12-1919.



THE SECRETARY,  
THE WAR OFFICE (A.G. 10).

Regt. No. 34924 Rank Pte Name Plant, W.S.  
Regiment M.L.B.  
(Engraved upon medals.)

The above-named soldier residing at 144, Vicent Road  
Sharrow, Sheffield.  
has applied for, and is entitled to the 1 G.M. 1908 with clasp  
N.W.F. 1919 as shown on folio 213. M.L.B. vol.

The awards were returned to you, as undisposed of, under my Issue  
Voucher No. 1832 dated 12/5/24

Place R. Records  
Date 12/5/24 for 10 10 10  
Officer in Charge of Records.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
R. Record Office,  
Sharrow, Sheffield.

The 1 G.M. 1908 with clasp "N.W.F. 1919" were issued to the  
man on 23.5.24 Issue Voucher No. 1832

Please note and file this form in the man's documents.

THE WAR OFFICE (A.G. 10). (India)  
Date 30/5/24 10 10 10  
Director of Personal Services.





After demobilisation William returned to 174 Vincent Road Sheffield ( the family 1911 census address)

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1928 William aged 35 married Marjorie Gillibrand in Blackpool, Marjorie's home town. He was still living at the same address and working as a Type Founders Clerk.

1928. Marriage solemnized at *The Wesleyan Chapel, Rawcliffe Street, South Shore, Blackpool*  
in the District of *Lylde* in the County of *Lancaster & Blackpool. S.B.*

Column:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
18	<i>September 18<sup>th</sup> 1928</i>	<i>William Stuart Plant</i>	<i>35 years</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Type Founders Clerk</i>	<i>174 Vincent Road, Scharrow, Shippin</i>	<i>Samuel Plant</i>	<i>grocer.</i>
		<i>Marjorie Gillibrand</i>	<i>32 years</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>5 Ryburn Avenue, Marton, Blackpool</i>	<i>Adam Gillibrand</i>	<i>Retired.</i>

Married in the presence of *William Stuart Plant* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Wesleyan Methodists* by *testificate*  
This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Marjorie Gillibrand* in the Presence of us, *Mary Jane Gillibrand* And in the Presence of *Robert W. Hasles*  
Authorized Person for *the said Chapel*

Todmorden & District News 28<sup>th</sup> September 1928

**MARRIAGES.**  
**PLANT—GILLIBRAND.**—On the 18th inst., at Rawcliffe Street Wesleyan Church, Blackpool, William Stuart Plant, of Sheffield, to Marjorie, youngest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. Gillibrand, formerly of Pecket Well.

From at least 1932 William and Marjorie are living at 17 Glebe St Hendon, Middlesex. In the 1939 register they are still at the same address William a 'Traveller Type Founders'

2.D. Letter Code *BKDN* Borough, U.D. or R.D. *Hendon* Registration District and Sub-district *120/3*

ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	G. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>17 Glebe Crescent 49</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Plant, William S</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>19 Feb 93</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Traveller, Typefounders</i>	<i>This record is officially closed.</i>		
<i>2 Plant, Marjorie</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>80 Apr 96</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>	<i>This record is officially closed.</i>				

It is not known if William and Marjorie had any children.

William Passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1962 aged 69

**PLANT William Stuart of Trent Oakhill Road Torquay died 8 January 1962 Probate Exeter 16 February to Marjorie Plant widow. Effects £429 10s. 5d.**