

Albert Coe



Nº23234

3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Battalions Sherwood Foresters  
(Notts & Derby Regiment)



8<sup>th</sup> Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment



Nº425891

932 Area Employment Company Labour Corp

Nº25 Company, 43 Garrison Battalion Royal Fusiliers

Albert Coe was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1879 in Eckington, New Whittington, Derbyshire to Alfred and Elizabeth Coe. He was their 4<sup>th</sup> child, his father a Labourer.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Ridgeway</u>						
in the County of <u>Derby</u> in the Year 18 <u>80</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1880 Aug <sup>t</sup> 8	Albert	Alfred & Eliza	Coe	New Whittington	Labourer	M. G. Hubbard Vicar

In 1881 Albert was aged 11 months, one of 2 children in the family home on Glass House, Whittington, his father a farm labourer.

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the											56	Page 99			
Civil Parish (or Township) of		Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town or Village or Hamlet of		Urban Sanitary District of		Rural Sanitary District of		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of	
Whittington								Whittington						Whittington	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES		NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Male Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic					
		In- habited at 1911	Occu- pied at 1911												
568	Glass House	1		Alfred Coe	Head	Mar	32	Farmer Labourer	North Lopham, Eng						
				Eliza Coe	Wife	Mar	26		North Lopham, Eng						
				Alfred Coe	Son		3								
				Alfred Coe	Son		11mo								

An area of Glasshouse near Glasshouse Farm, possibly where Alberts father worked.



In August 1885 Albert, aged 6, lost his mother Elizabeth. Just 3 months later in December 1885 his father remarried, Caroline Eve.

In 1891 Albert is aged 10, one of 3 children living on Bramley Hall, Ford Lane Eckington with his father step mother and 2 siblings. His father is now working as a Coal Miner.

Administrative County of <u>Derby</u>		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 34			
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District	
<u>Eckington, Derby</u>								<u>Marsh Lane</u>		<u>Derbyshire Coalfield Union</u>		<u>South Derbyshire</u>		<u>St. James</u>	
Coln. 3	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
No. of Sub-plot	ROAD, STREET, etc., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION		Employed	Unemployed	WEEKS BORN	(1) Dead and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Inebriate or idiot			
<u>1</u>	<u>2 Bramley Hall</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Alfred Coe</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Coal Miner</u>		<u>+</u>		<u>1885</u>	<u>St. James</u>			
			<u>Caroline Eve</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>Do</u>				<u>1885</u>	<u>St. James</u>			
			<u>Arthur Coe</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Do</u>				<u>1891</u>	<u>St. James</u>			
			<u>Albert Coe</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Do</u>				<u>1885</u>	<u>St. James</u>			
			<u>Emma Coe</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Do</u>				<u>1885</u>	<u>St. James</u>			

In the 1901 census Albert aged 20 is not living with his father and Stepmother, he now has a number for step siblings. (he would eventually have 5 step siblings alongside his 3 siblings) 1901 Census (without Albert) the family living on Marsh Lane .

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 18			
Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet			
Derbyshire		St. James's		Derby		St. James's		Derbyshire		Derby		Derby			
Houses	Road, Street, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Uninhabited	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed, Worker, Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Dead and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Inebriate, Feeble.					
1	St. James's		4 Mrs. Coe	Head	30	Coal Miner	+		Derby						
	St. James's		Caroline Eve	Wife	27	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Arthur Coe	Son	10	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Emma Coe	Daughter	8	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Caroline Eve	Wife	27	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Arthur Coe	Son	10	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Emma Coe	Daughter	8	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Caroline Eve	Wife	27	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Arthur Coe	Son	10	Do			Derby						
	St. James's		Emma Coe	Daughter	8	Do			Derby						

Between 1903 and 1913 Albert is noted in the local papers a number of times for Gaming and Drunkenness. He is note working as a Collier living on Marsh Lane.

Derbyshire Courier 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1903

Thomas Giltiver, George Henry Twigg, Frederick Hibbert, Charles and Mark Unwin, Frank Devonport, Verdon Allen, and Frederick Cartwright, were charged at the Eckington Police Court on Monday with gaming at pitch and toss at Ridgway	on September 13.—Cartwright and Devonport were fined 1s and costs and the others, who did not appear, 2s 6d and costs. Charles Mallander and <b>Albert Coe</b> , colliers, Marsh Lane, were each fined 1s and costs for a similar offence at the same time.
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Derbyshire Times 1<sup>st</sup> April 1905

<b>ALBERT COE.</b> a Marsh Lane collier, who pleaded guilty, was fined 5s and costs by the Eckington Bench on Monday for having been drunk and incapable on the 17th March, when he was found by Sergt. Duncan.	
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Derbyshire Courier 10<sup>th</sup> June 1905

<b>ECKINGTON DISTRICT DRUNKS.</b> A number of persons were dealt with by the Eckington Bench on Monday, for being drunk and disorderly, several of them being delinquents who failed to appear at the previous sessions and for whose arrest warrants were then issued. The names of the defendants, the places and dates of their offences and the amounts they were ordered to pay, were as follows:—John Skinner, farmer, Holbeck, Notts., at Whitwell, on May 25, 5s and costs; J Wm Walker, on May 20, at Eckington, 2s 6d and costs; Thos Hutchby, on May 20, 5s and costs; George Anderson, at Eckington, 7s 6d and costs; Joseph Lewis, at Eckington, 2s 6d and costs; Thos Jones, at Barbro', on May 27, 5s and costs; Arthur Mous, at Clown, on May 27, 5s and costs; Wm Lynch, at Eckington, on May 27, 7s 6d and costs; <b>Albert Coe</b> , at Eckington, on May 28, 7s 6d and costs; Wm Watson, at Killamarsh, on May 13, 7s 6d and costs; Wm Lindley, at Whitwell, on May 25, 2s 6d and costs; Robert Clegg, at Eckington, 5s and costs.	
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In 1907 Albert aged 28, lost his father.



Derbyshire Times 27<sup>th</sup> July 1907

MARSH LANE. Albert Coe, of Marsh Lane, was fined 10s and the costs by the Eckington magistrates on Monday.	The costs of the Eckington magistrates on Monday, for being drunk and disorderly at Marsh Lane, on June 29th.—P.c. Knight proved the case.
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Derbyshire Courier 8<sup>th</sup> June 1909

Jabez Owen, Ernest Mallinder, Charles Mallinder, George Staton, George Dixon, Albert Coe, Herbert Waller, Ebyln Kay, John Kay, Harold Kay, Arthur Needham, Luke Jones, John Allwood, James Barker, and George Goldsrough,	Eckington colliers, were charged with gaming at pitch and toss on May 16th, and the cases were proved by P.c Knight. Waller, Coe, and Goldsrough were fined 2s 6d and costs, whilst the others had to pay 5s and costs each.
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Derbyshire Courier 4<sup>th</sup> October 1910

No Collar on the Dog.—Summoned before the Eckington justices on Monday, for not having a collar on his dog at Eckington on	September 17th, a man named Albert Coe was fined 1s. and costs, on the statement of P.e. Knight.
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In 1911 Albert is living with his step mother and a bother and 2 step-siblings at 1 School Lane, Marsh Lane Eckington. He is a Pony Driver in a Coal mine but noted 'out of work'

1	Caroline Coe	Head	41	Widow	26	5	4	1	At home	at home	Pinaston Park		
2	Oscar Coe	Step son	33	Single					Coal Miner - Haver	Out of work	Marsh Lane, Eckington		
3	Albert Coe	Step son	30						Driver		" "		
4	Carrie Coe	Daughter	16						at home		" "		
5	David Coe	Son	11						School	390	" "		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)		
Total		
Males	Females	Persons
3	2	5

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Caroline Coe, witnessed by her Mother

Partial Address: 1 School Lane, Marsh Lane, Chesterfield.

1 School Lane



In 1913 Albert was found fighting. Derbyshire Times

MARSH LANE.—Having divested themselves of their jackets and shirts, two Eckington miners—Albert Coe and Thomas Dixon—were found fighting in Marsh Lane on July 5th by P.c.	George, who had separated them half-an-hour previously. They were charged at the Eckington Petty Sessions on Monday with violent conduct and bound over in the sum of £1 to keep the peace for three months.
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It seems Albert had a fairly unsettled youth and found himself in trouble on multiple occasions.

He had attested in to service at Derby on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1915 aged 36. He appears to have 'lied' about his age siting it as 32 years 10 months. He was 5 foot 4 ¼ inches with good physical development and was still living at the same address.

**SHORT SERVICE.**  
(For the Duration of the War.)

**ATTESTATION OF** SOUTH STATISTICAL REG.

No. 23234 Name Albert Doe Corps Pharmaceutical

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

- What is your Name? ... Albert Doe
- What is your full Address? ... 10, 3rd Street, London
- Are you a British Subject? ... Yes
- What is your Age? ... 32 1/2 Years 10 Months.
- What is your Trade or Calling? ... Pharmaceutical
- Are you Married? ... No
- Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? ... No
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... Yes
- Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... Yes
- Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... Yes
- Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your service? ... Yes

For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and in the field, you may be transferred after the termination of hostilities and your services can be spared, but such retention shall be no more than six months.

I, Albert Doe, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the conditions upon which...

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Albert Doe

Signature of Witness.  
Frank White

**oath to be taken by RECRUIT on ATTESTATION**

I, Albert Doe, swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and true to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors; and that I will, as in duty bound, bear true faith and allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Statutes in that behalf made, and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

**CERTIFICATE OF WAGMASTER ON ATTESTING OFFICER.**

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

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in his presence.

I have taken care that he understood each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has signed and signed the oath before me at SHILFIELD on this 13th day of February 1915.

Signed of the Justice  
W. H. Smith CAPTAIN, 1st BATTAL, THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

**Certificate of Approving Officer.**

I certify that the Attestation of the above named Recruit is correct, and agree that the Recruit should be taken to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 1st BATTAL, THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 178a (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original paper.

Date 1915 Place SHILFIELD

The signature of the Approving Officer is to be signed in the presence of the Recruit.  
I have inserted the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

If, on the Recruit is to be sent to the recruiting office of the former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate...

H25, 89

**MEDICAL HISTORY OF**

Surname Doe Christian Name Albert

**Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.**

Birthplace ... London Parish ... St. Martin County ... London

Examined ... on 12th day of February 1915 at SHILFIELD.

Declared Age ... 32 1/2 years

Trade or Occupation ... Pharmaceutical

Height ... 5 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

Weight ... 137 lbs.

Chest ... 37 1/2 inches.

Measurement ... 23 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse Rate ... Good

Vaccination Marks ... 3

When Vaccinated ... 1902

Vision ... R.E.—V = 6  
L.E.—V = 6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ... None

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ... None

Approved by ... (Signature) W. H. Smith Medical Officer.

(Rank) ... Captain

on 13th day of February 1915 at SHILFIELD

on Enlistment ... 1st BATTAL, THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

transferred to ... 1st BATTAL, THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

... non-effective by ... 1st BATTAL, THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

on ... day of ... 1915

(Signature)

He was noted with multiple scars, possibly a result of his numerous fights and drunkenness and named his step-mother as his next of kin.

distinctive marks *Scar above left wrist in front coat scars from left forearm Scar left knee also last joints of 2 fingers*

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin *Caroline Coe 1 Marsh Lane  
St Chester Field* Relationship *Mother*

Albert was posted to the Depot of the Sherwood Foresters (SF) and then on the 25<sup>th</sup> February to the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Reserve) Battalion SF.

Joined at	Quincy	on	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	18
Entered	at	attested	at	13-2-18
	3	Porter	-	25.2.15

The 3<sup>rd</sup> (Reserve) Battalion FS was a training unit and moved from Derby to Sunderland in May 1915 as part of Tyne Garrison.



On the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June 1915 Albert was deprived 2 days pay for absence.

136	3	Deprived 2 days pay	Pte	6.6.15 to
		by 1.6.15 for "Absence"		7.6.15

Albert remained with the 3<sup>rd</sup> SF until the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1915 when he was posted to the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters and the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force sailing from Liverpool the same day.

271	9	POSTED Med	-1-	14.11.15
		Expeditionary Force.		
Embarked Liverpool 14/11/1915.				
				M.E.F.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion SF had been in the Mediterranean since mid 1915, landing on the Gallipoli peninsular on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1915 where they had suffered heavy casualties through both fighting and sickness.

Albert was almost certainly part of a reinforcing draft. He arrived in the Mediterranean on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1915, probably on the island of Imbros, before transfer to the Gallipoli Peninsular.

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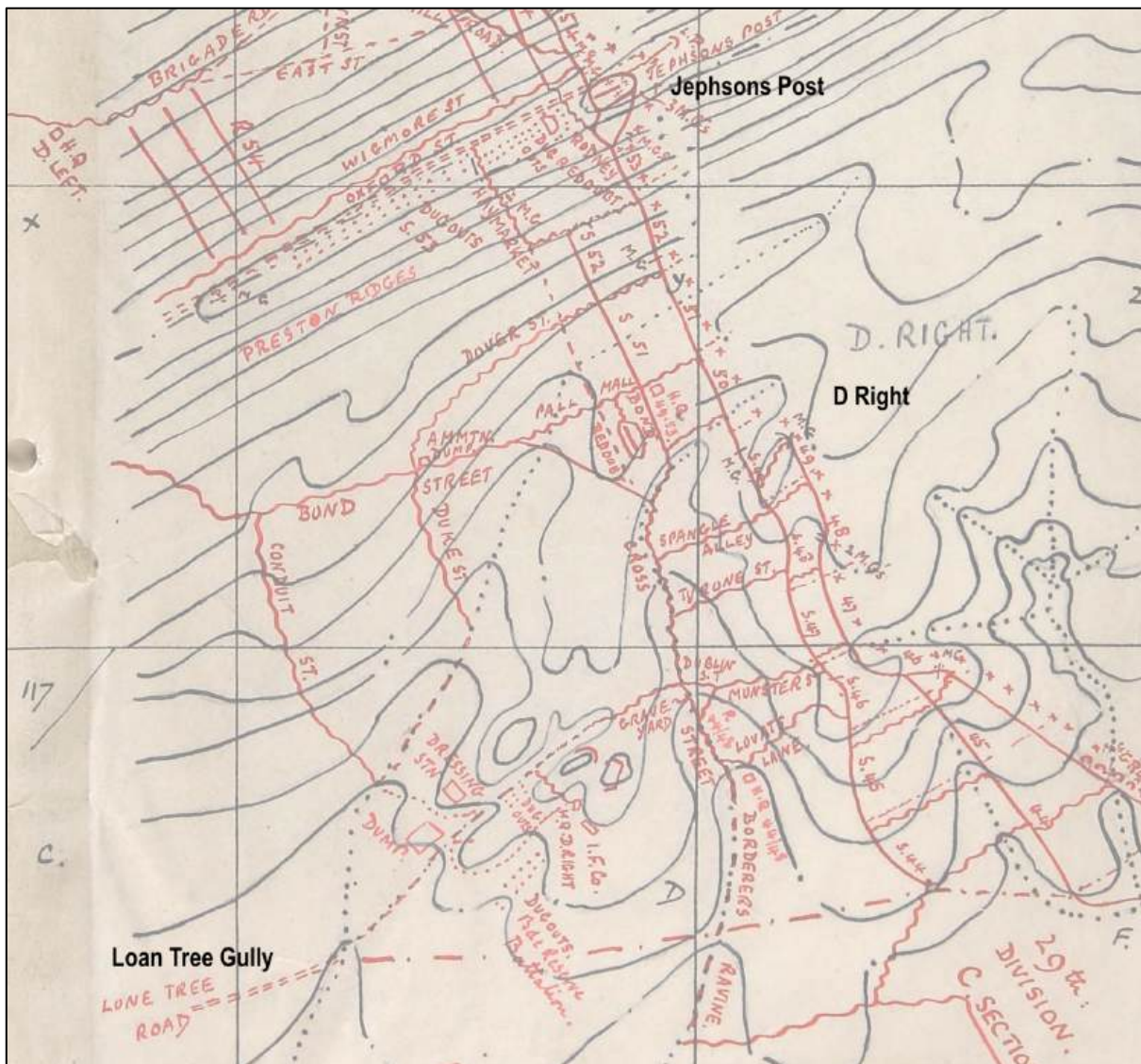


The 9<sup>th</sup> SF (Notts and Derby) were part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Division who's War Diary noted a draft of 2 officers and 250 men arriving on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1915.

Karakol Dagh	4"	Casualties Killed 3 OR - Wounded 3 OR - Sick Admitted 105 OR.		
		Reinforcements.		
		9. N York R 400	200 OR	7 S Staff R 1 A 150 OR
		6. York R 1	250 "	9. Notts & Derby 2 250 OR
		8. W. Rid R 3	81 "	
		6. York R 4	250 "	



The men on the Gallipoli peninsular were suffering terribly from the awful cold and wet awful. The 9<sup>th</sup> SF had left the trenches of 'D' Section south of Jephsons Post on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and were in reserve in Lone Tree Gully when Albert potentially joined them having landed at Suvla Bay (No war diary survives for the 9<sup>th</sup> SF)





In D Right gth. Sherwood Foresters relieved 7th. South Staffords in  
trenches D48-53, the latter moving into LONE TREE GULLY as Brigade Reserve.  
The weather continued to be warm and calm.



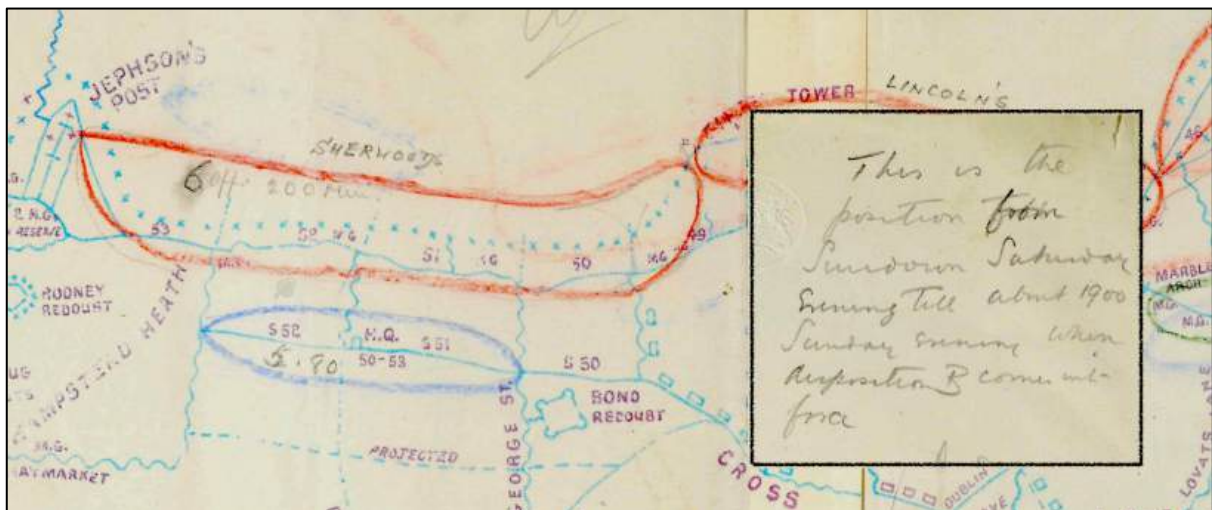


Men of the 9<sup>th</sup> SF drinking water from a well, Gallipoli



Having suffered greatly on the peninsular the decision to evacuate the allied armies were given on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, just 2 weeks after Albert had arrived. The evacuation was to be completed on the nights of the 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, staggered and in silence so as not to alert the Turks. The men of the 9<sup>th</sup> SF were still in the D Right trenches and left in batches.

Last night of the evacuation with 6 officers and 200 men of the Sherwood's man the trenches their part of the line.



The men were evacuated back to the island of Imbros where they remained through the end of 1915 in to 1916.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1916 Albert embarked and left Imbros for Alexandria in Egypt. Two ships left Imbros on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1916 both with 'Details' of the 11<sup>th</sup> Division, the transports Nestor and Seang Bee. Albert arrived in Alexandria on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1916.

EMBARKED	IMBROS	29/1/1916
DISEMBARKED	ALEXANDRIA	3/2/1916

Imbros Line of Communication War Diary

Saturday. 29th. NESTOR. sailed for Alexandria today with 117th Railway Co. L of C Signal Co, 52nd Divisional Details, 11th Div Details, R.N.A.C.D, No. 6th Squadron Surrey Yeomanry. 7th South Staffs Regt, 9th West Yorks Regt, 11th Manchester Regt, 6th Yorks Regt, 6th Border Regt, 6th York & Lancs Regt, and Other Details.

SEANG BEE. sailed for Alexandria today with 5th Dorset Regt, 86th Field Co. R.E., 35th Field Ambulance, and Other Details 11th Division.

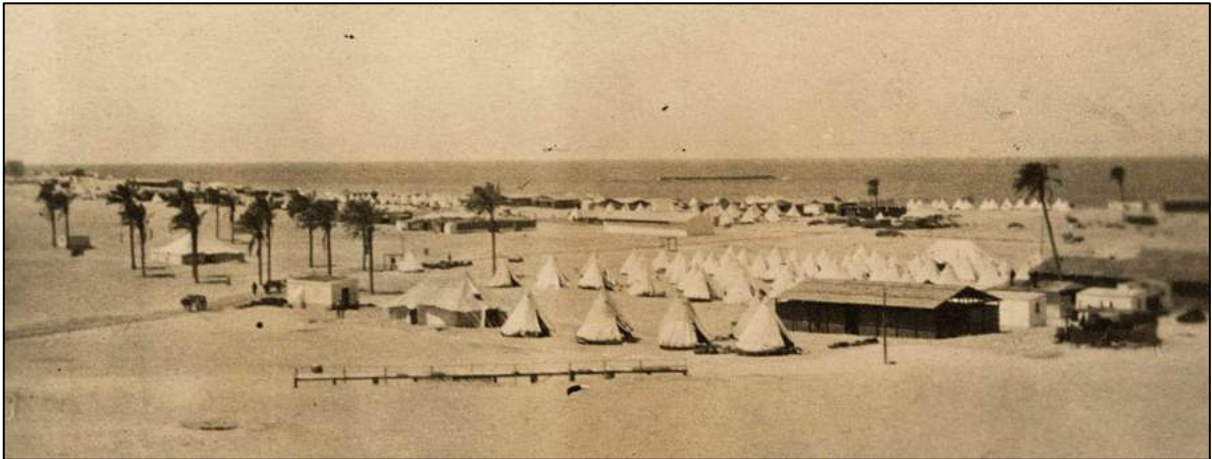
Nestor



Seang Bee



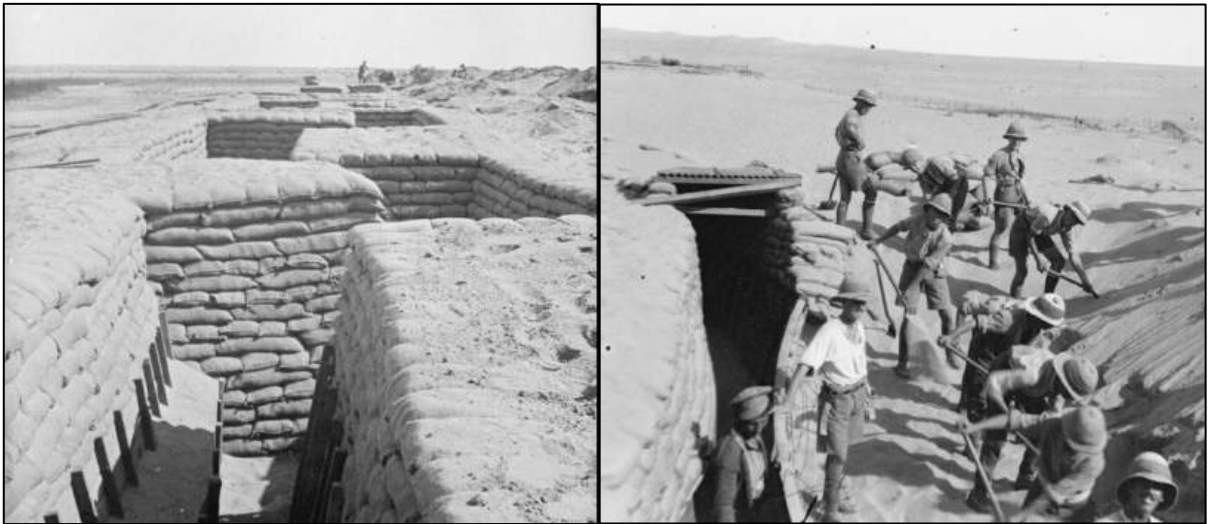
On arrival the men headed to the Sidi Bishr Rest Camp (Picutred) along the coast from Alexandria



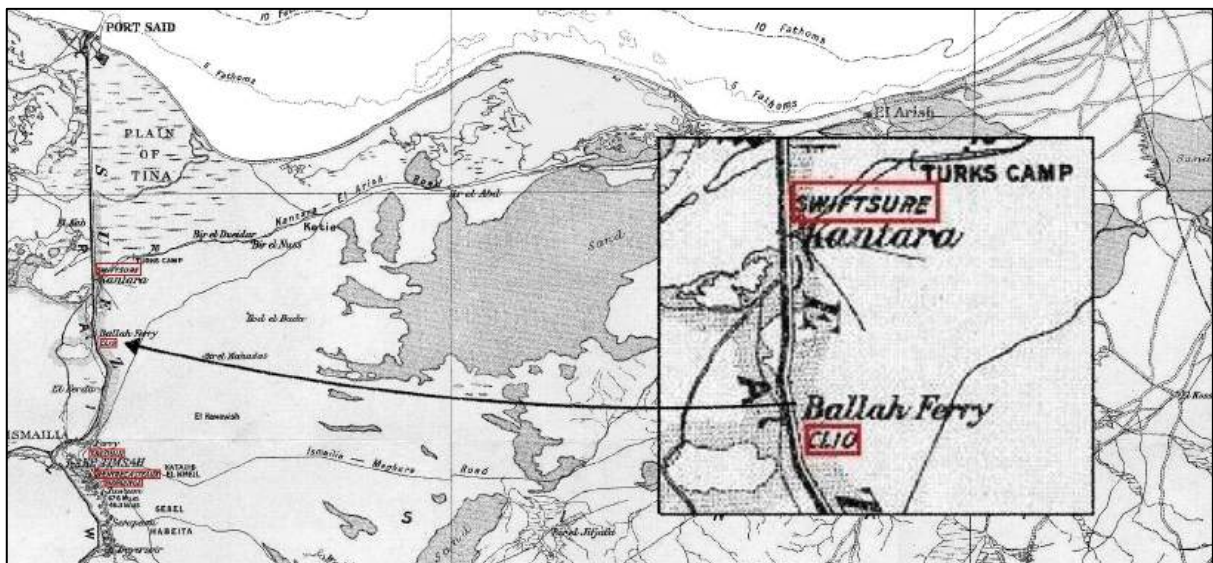
After 2 weeks at the rest camp, on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 1916 the 9<sup>th</sup> Sherwood Foresters with the 11<sup>th</sup> Division headed off to man the Suez Canal defences.



## Suez Canal and defences



On the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1916 the 9<sup>th</sup> SF moved to the defences at Ballah East and post K50.8. sputh of Kantara. They continued working on the defences in the early in the morning and in the evenings avoiding the extreme mid day heat.



After a fairly uneventful time in Suez the 9<sup>th</sup> SF with the 11<sup>th</sup> Division left Egypt for France. The battalion appears to have left in to batches HQ with A & B Companies on the 1<sup>st</sup> July on the Transport Oriana arriving in Marseilles on the 4<sup>th</sup>, entraining and arriving at the western front on the 6<sup>th</sup>. C & D companies left on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July on the transport Minnewaska arriving at Marseilles on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the western front around the 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Alberts records show he embarked from Alexandria on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1916 landing at Marseilles on 10<sup>th</sup> July. If this is so he did not sail with the rest of the 9<sup>th</sup> SF. The SS Toronto arrived in Marseille on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1916 with 165 other ranks of the 11<sup>th</sup> Division. it is possible Albert was one of these men. From there Albert would have moved north, and possibly re-joined the rest of the 9<sup>th</sup> SF.

Emb'd for BEF	5-7-16	LABOUR CORPS 20 JAN 17
Dis d,	12-7-16	

10 <sup>th</sup>	TORONTO Disembarked 10.0, 165 OR, 229 Ambs, 160 Veh, 11 <sup>th</sup> Div
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On the 20<sup>th</sup> July Albert was transferred to the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion South Staffordshire (SS) Regiment along with 222 other men. The 8<sup>th</sup> SS were at the time at Bussus training. The 8<sup>th</sup> South Stafford's were part fo the 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade 17<sup>th</sup> Division.

A.C.I.1499 of 1916	Transferred to 8/ S.Staffs Regiment	Field	20/7/16
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BUSSUS	19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Bath training (Reinforcement of 223 O.R. changing from North's Day)
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Bath training ↓



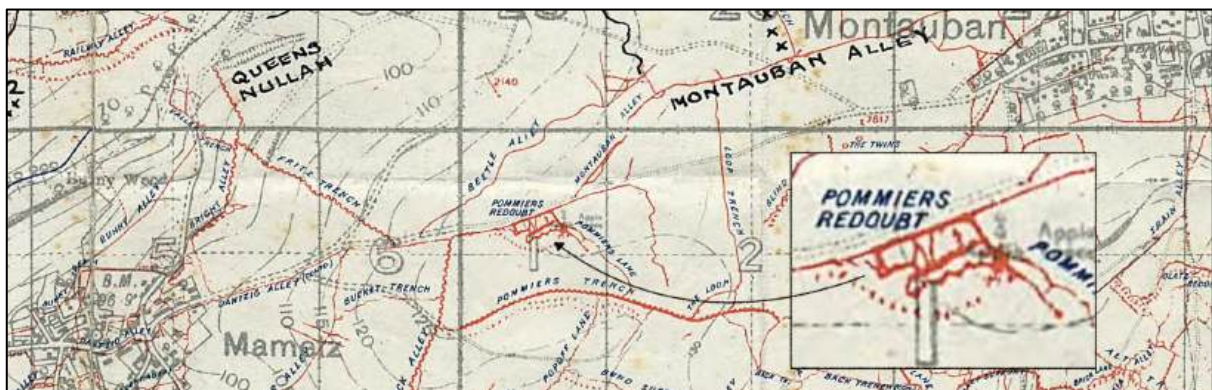
21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Bath training Transport except 2 cookers & 2 baggage wagons moved under the arrangements.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	Bath training. Transferred some O.R. to other Rafts in Bde out of the reinforcements and in exchange for South & North Staffordshire Rafts.
	10pm	Warning order received to move next day.



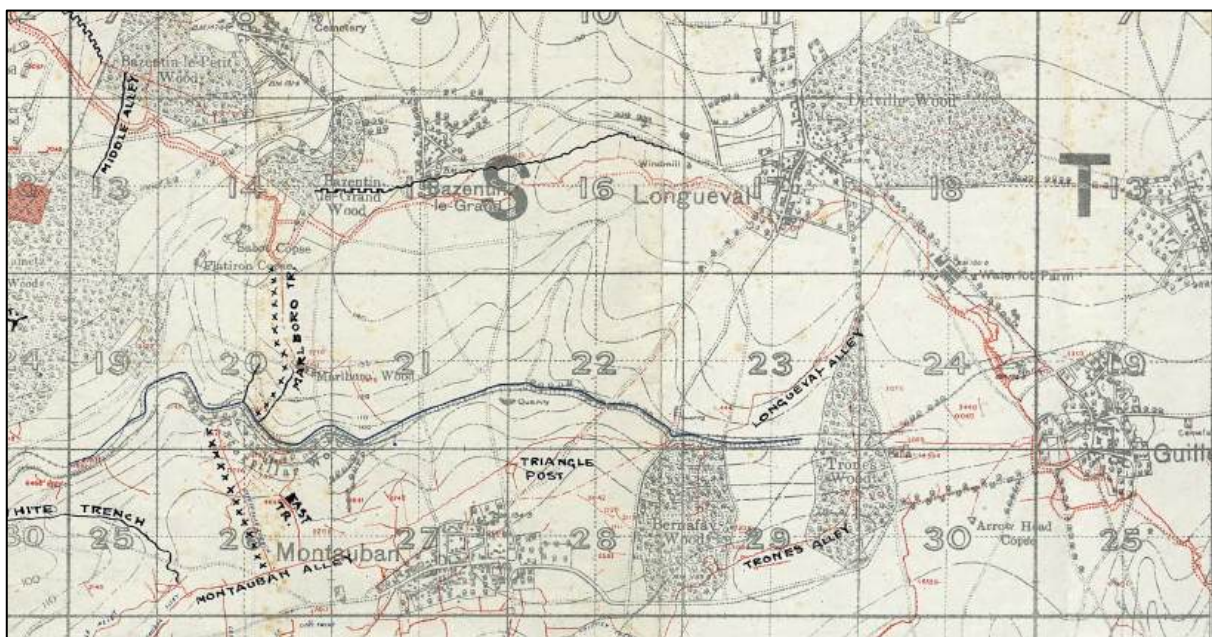
On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July the 8<sup>th</sup> SS entrained at Hangest and travelled all night arriving on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Maricourt then marching to bivouac near Buire where they spent the rest of the month training.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1916 the 8<sup>th</sup> SS's marched to the trenches at Pommiers Redoubt east of Mametz taking over from 1<sup>st</sup> East Surreys in the line. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> August they men came under heavy shelling and slight shelling on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the 4<sup>th</sup> they relieved the 1<sup>st</sup> KRR in Montauban Alley. The men found the trenches very clouded, spending the day working on deepening them. on the 5<sup>th</sup> they came under intermittent shelling suffering 20 casualties.



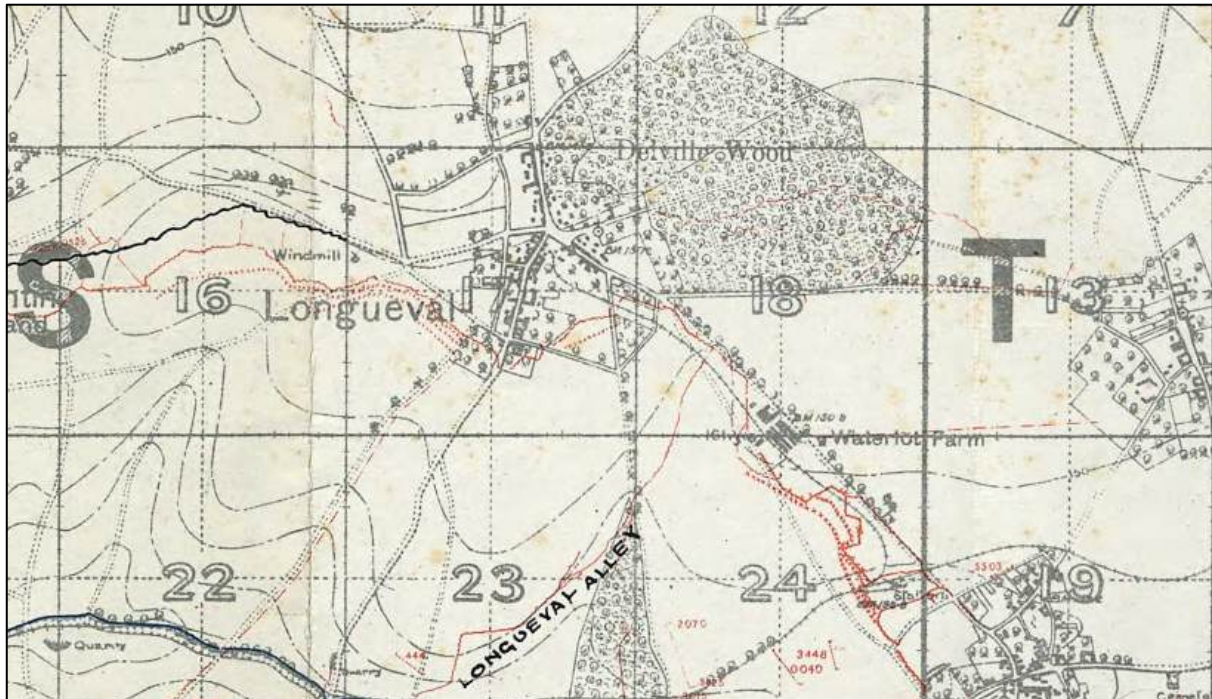
On the 5<sup>th</sup> August the 8<sup>th</sup> SS's moved to Delville Wood and the 6<sup>th</sup> to Longueval Alley in support of the Border Regiment.





On the 7<sup>th</sup> August they were ordered to stand to and spent the rest of the day taking wire and sand bags to Border Regiment suffering 2 missing 9 wounded and 2 killed. On the 8<sup>th</sup> the battalion area was heavily shelled with 3 killed and 19 wounded. On the 9<sup>th</sup> B Company had 2 platoons buried in their trench by shelling.

The same day they relived the Border Regiment in Delville Wood, A Company North of the Wood, C Company in the NE corner in support in the wood B Company on the east side of the wood and D Company in Longueval Alley. The enemy were at the north point of the wood. In the relief the 8<sup>th</sup> SS's suffered Casualties 13 killed 47 wounded and 5 missing.



Delville Wood September 1916



Through the 10<sup>th</sup> August there was close fighting with the enemy in the woods the 8<sup>th</sup> SS's suffering 1 killed and 11 wounded



On the 11<sup>th</sup> August the men were relieved to 1 mile SW of Fricourt and 12<sup>th</sup> back to bivouacs NE of Buire. On the 15<sup>th</sup> they moved to Gezaincourt and 16<sup>th</sup> to Bovquemaïson where they spent the 17<sup>th</sup> training before moving to Bienvillers on the 18<sup>th</sup>.



On the 20<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> SS's relieved the 1<sup>st</sup> Rifle Brigade in trenches east of Hannescamps



The men spent the next 6 days their time working on the trenches being relieved back to billets in Bienvillers on the 27<sup>th</sup>. on the 29<sup>th</sup> the men bathed. From the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> the men formed working parties attached to Royal Engineers working on the trenches.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1916 the 8<sup>th</sup> SS's relieved the 7<sup>th</sup> Borders in trenches at Hannescamps again working on the trenches. they were relieved to billets at Halloy on the 11<sup>th</sup>.





On the 12<sup>th</sup> September Albert was admitted to No39 General Hospital NYD (Not Yet Diagnosed) at (Le) Havre. After 6 days, on the 18<sup>th</sup> he was transferred to Calais with Scabies, almost certainly to the Isolation Hospital there.

12.9.16	39. G. H. Havr NYD. '84	non	12.9.16
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18.9.16	de scabies. Dr. 2. Calais	non	18.9.16
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After 7 weeks in the Isolation Hospital at Calais, on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1916, Albert joined 14 IBD (Infantry Base Depot) 'Unfit'. 14 IBD was the Baser Depot of the Sherwood Forester (Notts & Derby Regiment) located at Etaples.

10.11.16	14 IBD. Unfit	non	10.11.16
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On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1916 Albert was sent to Calais 'P.B. to Base? .... Calais arrived ? at 9 ....' To 9 IBD (Infantry Base Depot) P.B. was a medical classification 'Permanent Base' No 9 IBD was in late 1916 early 1917 located at Beaumaris near Calais.

13.12.16	9. I. B. D. P.B. to Base 8th Calais	non	13.12.16
10.12.16	de arriv at 9 200	non	13.12.16

Albert spent just under 1 year probably in Beaumaris or near Calais, in what capacity is not known.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November 1917 Albert was transferred To Labour Corp with new service number 425891 and posted to No932 Area Employment (Garrison Guard) Company joining them 'in the field', where that was is not known.

11.17	O.C. Lab. Transferred to Labour Corps with effect from 6.11.17. under Authy of A.G. Corps. C/435 dated 23.8.17. and allotted New No 425891. Posted to No 932 Area Employment (Garr Gd) Co.		
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10932 Coy. Joined Coy. Field 6.11.17	10932 Coy.		
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From the 5<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 1918 Albert was granted leave. It is not known if this was to the UK. he was still with No932 Area Employment (Garrison Guard) Company.

as	Leave 5 to 18 Feb
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On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1918 Albert was 'Permanently Transferred' to the Royal Fusiliers and posted to No43 Garrison Battalion, No25 Company.

Royal Fusiliers	Permanently Transferred	Pte	3-9-18
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Garrison	Posted	Pte	3-9-18
Auth: A. G. 1776 M. D. 1-18-18			
Compulsory transfer			
Reg. to be governed by			
House of Commons			

Ref. 10/17	Compulsory Transferred to the		
Det. 10/7	43rd. (Garr) Royal Fusiliers		
	& Posted to 25 Coy.		
	Auth: A. G. 1776 M. D. 1-18-18		
	Allottee No. 100374		

3 Garrison Battalion Royal Fusiliers Formed in France in September 1918 from Garrison Guard Companies and was tasked for duty at the 5<sup>th</sup> Army HQs. It was manned by troops who had been rated as medically unfit for front line duty.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October he was Compulsory transferred to 859 Area Employment Company, where and in what capacity is not known.

Laban Cotes	Compulsory Transferred	Pte	13-10-18
14	Auth: G. O. C. 10/18		
	Reg. to be governed by		
	House of Commons		
	Auth: A. G. 1776 M. D. 1-18-18		

It is possible Albert saw the war come to an end with 859 Area Employment Company on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. He was 39 years old.

At some point Albert returned to the UK for demobilization. He was finally transferred to the Army Reserve on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 1919 in Nottingham.

Transferred to Class "Z"		Pte	
Army Reserve on Demobilization.			
Date.....30-1-19.			
Signature.....			
Place.....Hallingham			
Home Address.....			
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Back home, on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1919 Albert was again up to his old tricks, arrested for gambling and improper behaviour and fined 30 shillings. He was noted a 'Soldier' the arrest being just before his demobilization. Derbyshire Courier 8<sup>th</sup> February 1919.

### ECKINGTON GAMBLING RAID

A raid by the police on a gambling school at Marsh Lane had a sequel at Eckington, on Monday, in the prosecution of eleven miners, a fireman, and a soldier, all of Eckington.

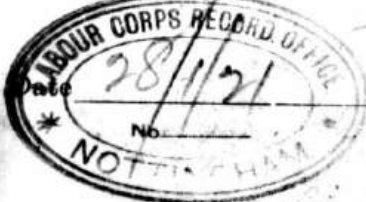
Sergeant Bramley said that numerous complaints had been made about gamblers assembling at the four cross roads at Marsh Lane. Anyone who passed by was cursed and abused by the men. On one occasion the school was 30 strong. Owing to the open position which the men took up it was very difficult for the police to make a capture. On Saturday, 18 Janu-

kept watch for three and a half hours, and then raided the school.

Luke Jones, miner, who had been before the Court 26 times previously, and did not appear, was fined £5; James Owen, £3; Albert Coe, soldier, and Richard Owen, miner, 30s. each; Charles Mallender, miner, 27s.; John Richard Marsh, miner, 21s.; Thomas Marsh, miner, 12s.; John Kay, junr., Clement Mallender, and John Kay, 9s. each; George Bown and Oswald Coe, 7s. 6d. each. Several of the defendants supported the contention of John Mallender (15) that he was not one of the school, and the case against him was dismissed.

For his war service Albert was awarded the 1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the British War Medal.



191 . Regtl No. 425891

Rank Private

Signature A. Coe

Unit Notts & Derby R.

PLEASE SIGN HERE

Name	Corps	Rank	Regtl. No.
COE Albert	Notts & Derby R. Lab. C	Pte	23234 425891

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	LC/10/18166	15884	
BRITISH	do	do	
1914-15	LC/11/25	435 X	
Theatre of War first served in <u>M.E.F.</u>			
Date of entry therein <u>22/1/15</u>			

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LABOUR CORPS. (To be completed in duplicate)

REGIMENT OR CORPS. 301 & 265 -18894- of 1919.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders

Held by an individual in the Corps in respect of which the medal was submitted.	NAME	Threaten of war in which served	Camps attended (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations		REMARKS
				(a) Presented	(b) Disputed by Post	
425891 / Pte	COE ALBERT	23234 Pte	Notts & Derby R.			

LABOUR CORPS. REGIMENT OR CORPS when Decoration was earned.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 20 of 1919

To be left blank	On date of Discharge		NAME	Date of Discharge	REMARKS	Record of disposal of decoration	To be left blank for use in War Office
	Regtl. No.	Rank					
UNIT							
	Notts & Derby	23234	Pte	COE ALBERT	M.E.F. 22-1-15		



In the 1921 Census Albert aged 41 is living at his pre- war home, 1 Marsh Lane with his step-mother and siblings /step siblings and 2 younger relatives. He is an out of work Miner – Hewer.

1	Caroline Coe	Widow	65.2	F	Widow	Eckington	Stones drier	At Home	
2	Caroline Coe	Stepson	43.6	M	Single	Dunghuse	Miner hewer	At Home	
3	Albert Coe	Stepson	41.2	M	Single	"	Miner hewer	At Home	
4	Oswald Coe	Son	21.6	M	Single	"	Miner hewer	At Home	
5	Ralph Doxey	Grandchild	3.10	M	Single	"	"	"	
6	Martha Doxey	Grandchild	1.9	F	Single	"	"	"	

Name of person responsible for making the return. Caroline Coe

Postal Address 1 School Lane  
Marsh Lane **SHEFFIELD.**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> October Albert aged 41, Oswald, his step brother aged 21 and Ralph Doxey his step-sisters husband were all arrested after attacking a police officer. They were sentenced to 6 months hard labour and Albert fined 20 shillings for being drunk and disorderly. Derbyshire Courier 29<sup>th</sup> October 1919

<b>ASSAULTS ON POLICE.</b> <b>PRISON FOR MARSH LANE AND UNSTONE BOUGHS.</b> At Eckington on Monday, <u>Albert Coe</u> , <u>Oswald Coe</u> , and <u>Ralph Doxey</u> , Marsh Lane miners, were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for	assaulting Police-constable Lacey. <u>Albert Coe</u> was also fined 20s. for being drunk and disorderly. P.c Lacey said that he heard Doxey say "Let's do him in," and they all three came towards him and shouted "Now you have got to go through it." They attacked him and he knocked the brothers <u>Coe</u> out with his truncheon. Doxey ran away
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In July 1927 Albert married Annie E Marsh. She passed away just 3 years later in 1930

In the 1939 Register Albert is living at 15 School Road Lane Marsh. He is a widower and working as a Collier Hewer Below Ground.

E.D. Letter Code <u>RCRQ</u>	Borough, U.D. or R.D. <u>Page 4</u>	Registration District and Sub-district <u>438-3</u>		
ADDRESS <u>Marsh Lane</u> <u>Eckington</u>	SCHEDULE No. Sub. No.	SURNAMES AND OTHER NAMES No 15 <u>Coe Albert</u> <u>Nightingale Reginald</u> <u>Nightingale Emma</u>	O. V. S. P. or I. M. or F. Birth- Day Year <u>17th April 1899</u> <u>3rd Feb 1906</u> <u>15th Dec 1908</u>	PERSONAL OCCUPATION <u>Collier Hewer Below Ground</u> <u>Labourer C. General Heavy</u> <u>Unpaid domestic duties</u>

It is possible he got married again in 1947 to Marjorie Jane H Harrison

There is no evidence Albert had any children.

Passed away November 1967 aged 88

<u>Albert Coe</u>	<u>Permore Hospital</u>	<u>Nov. 16</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>97</u>
		<u>21</u>		