Harold Edgar Goodall



N°28873 Royal Army Medical Corp

Harold Edgar Goodall was born on the 18^{th} March 1897 to Joseph and Florence in Chesterton Staffordshire. He was their 2^{nd} of 12 (possibly 15) children and would be their eldest of 3 sons. His father was a Miner.

By 1901 Harold was aged 4, one of 3 children living at 6 Water Street Chesterton, his father a Miner Below Ground.

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By 1911 Harold was aged 14 and listed under his middle name Edgar in the census. He was one of 11 children living in the 4 rooms at 6 Water Street, Chesterton, Staffordshire. He was listed working as a Coal Miner, Driver, Underground.

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Joseph and Florence Goodall with 11 of their children, Harold (Edgar) far left of picture probably taken around 1911





Parkhouse Colliery was near Chesterton and may be where Harold was noted working in the 1911 Census.





In May 1914 Harold (H E) aged 17 received his first year certificate from the Chesterton Division of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade at their annual Tea and Concert. Staffordshire Advertiser 16th May 1914.

Ambulance Brigade.—The Chesterten division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade held its annual tea and concert on the 7th inst. at the Wesleyan School. Mr. W. Hollinshead presided, and presented the successful members with certificates and medallions as follow:—First year

certificates: Frederick Jackson, Daniel Hogarth, Edward Boulton, David Brough, Daniel Ball, Herbert Mayer, George Mayer, George Billington, Thomas Joynson, Daniel Statham, N. Statham, Frederick Colclough, Jack Leighton Baniel Johnson, Joseph Harvey, and H. E. Goodall. Second year certificates: Thomas Ellis, William

When war broke out on the 4th August 1914 Harold was aged 17 but like many would be called to serve.

No service record survives for Harold but other documents indicate his wartime experiences.

Records show Harold was posted to the Royal Army Medical Corp (RAMC) and given a service number 28873. The RAMC posting may have been chosen by him or allocated based on his experience in the St Johns Ambulance.

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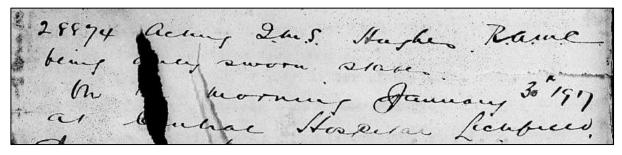
Isaac Butters (from Heartshill Staffordshire, 3.7 miles from Chesterton) with the service number 28864 (Harold 28873) enlisted in Litchfield Staffordshire on the 11th December 1914 and was posted to the RAMC. It is almost certain Harold enlisted around this date.



28864 Butters served at Litchfield, Staffordshire from the 11th December 1914 to the 23rd July 1915.

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No28874 Hughes (Harold 28873) was noted posted at Litchfield Hospital in 1917 (Whittington (Lichfield Barracks) Military Hospital).



It is probable that Harold was also posted to the Hospital at Litchfield for his initial training.

Whittington Barracks Lichfield Military Hospital.



There is no documentation showing Harold's posting through 1915, he may have remained at the hospital or have been transferred to ither locations or units of the RAMC.

Harold's records show by the 18th October 1915 he had left to serve overseas, entering the Balkan theatre of war (2B). this was almost certainly the Gallipoli Peninsular.

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Gallipoli Peninsular



8520 Godden RAMC also entered the Balkan theatre on the 18th October 1915. His records show him arriving at Gallipoli on the 19th October and joining 1/3 East Lancashire Field Ambulance (1/3 ELFA)

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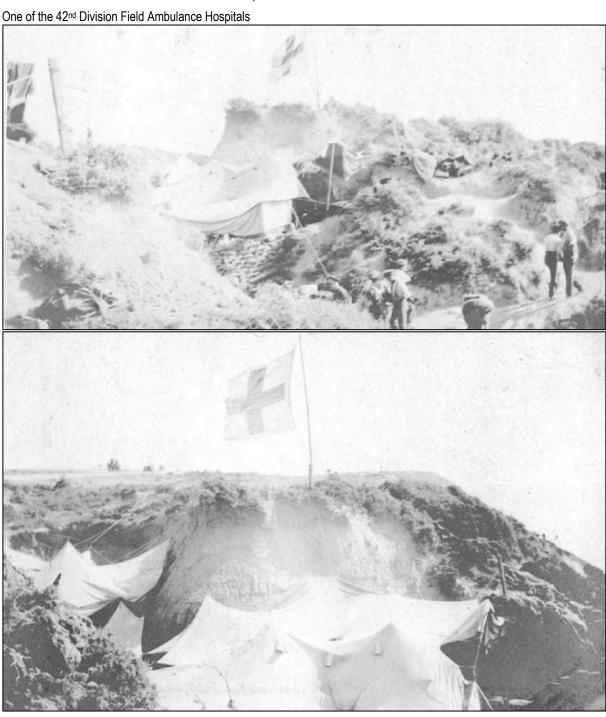
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It is possible that Harold joined a Field Ambulance of the East Lancashire Division but there were other divisions receiving RAMC reinforcements around this date on the Gallipoli Peninsular.



Which Royal Army Medical Corp unit Harold joined at Gallipoli is not known, nor his experiences whilst there. The campaign on the Peninsular had been a failure, the allies having landed in April 1915 and suffered thousands of casualties to action and sickness the army was evacuated in mid December 1915, returning to Egypt in early 1916.

Throughout 1916 the 42nd Division served in the Palestine campaign, assuming Harold was with this Division, finally embarking for France in February 1917.

With no records it is almost impossible to track Harold's war service form this point. He probably have served in France though where and with which units is not known (possibly still a medical unit of the 42nd Division). It may have been in France on the 11th November 1918 that he saw the war come to an end.

At some point Harold had contracted Malaria, and this was noted as a disability attributed to service when he was finally discharged on the 13th March 1919. How this affected him medically is not known.

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





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In 1927 Harold married Elizabeth Valentine and on the 2^{nd} September 1928 they had their first child, a daughter. Jean Goodall.

In the 1939 Register the family are living on Castle Stereet, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire, Harold a Assurance Agebt & Collector.

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