

THE GARFIELD BROTHERS OF WARMINGTON IN WW1

During the First World War John and Eliza Garfield of Warmington near Oundle produced five sons who served on the Western Front.

They were:

William Charles GARFIELD	-	(Bill)
Arthur James GARFIELD	-	(Jim)
Ernest Robert GARFIELD	-	(Bob)
Walter Stapleton GARFIELD	-	(Walter)
Edward Dexter Frank GARFIELD	-	(Frank)

William was killed in action on the 3rd May 1917 and both Edward and Walter were wounded.

In addition to the brothers were four sisters:

Dorothy	-	(Doll)
Sarah	-	(Annie)
Bessie Hannah	-	(Hannah)
Kate	-	(Kate)

The Garfield brothers are my Great Uncle's. William was obviously killed and I do not remember ever meeting Bob or Walter. I went to see Jim at Kegworth as a young boy but I knew Frank best of all and would go and see him and would listen to all of his war stories. How I wish that I had taken notes.

Uncle Frank gave me his medals together with a cigarette case and cap badge of Uncle Bills sent home from France for his next of kin.

Also, they all left Warmington after the end of the war. Uncle Frank went to Peterborough, Bob joined the Metropolitan Police Force, Jim ended up at Kegworth and Walter at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Therefore, as a youngster, except for Uncle Frank, none of them lived locally.

William Charles GARFIELD

1886 – 1917

Private 17102 of the 6th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment.

Killed in action on the 3rd May 1917 in France.

He has no known grave and is therefore commemorated on the Arras war memorial, France.

He joined the Northamptonshire Regiment on about 25 January 1915 and was originally posted to the 8th Battalion for training. He first served overseas with 7th Battalion. Overseas service was probably from early 1916. He was reported as wounded as a Private in 1916 - though no battalion was shown, the list contains mainly men who were wounded with 7th Battalion at Guillemont in August 1916. He thereafter transferred to 6th Battalion - probably joining 6th Battalion due to major casualties at Boom Ravine in February 1917.

The Peterborough Advertiser of 26th May 1917 reads:

Private William Garfield, Northant's Regt. of Warmington was killed in action in France. He had previously been wounded and had rejoined his regiment. The deceased soldier leaves a widow and three young children. He was an old scholar of the Wesleyan Sunday School and as a last token of respect a very impressive service was held in the chapel on Sunday evening conducted by Mr Burdett of Kettering who preached a very appropriate sermon. At the close the "Dead March" was played by the organist, the congregation standing.

Sent home from France to his family was his Cap Badge and Cigarette Case.



William Garfield



Uncle Bill's cigarette case and cap badge sent home from France after his death.

Edward Dexter Frank GARFIELD

1899 – 1985

Private 161649 West Yorkshire Regiment.

Enlisted on the 2nd May 1917.

Active in France from the 1st April 1918 to receiving a bullet wound on the 5th May 1918 which penetrated through his right calf.

He was awarded a wound badge number B169121.

The Peterborough Advertiser of the 1st June 1917 reads: Private E. F. Garfield, West Yorkshire Regiment was wounded in the right leg and is now in a military hospital in London.

Discharged in March 1919.

He was the recipient of the War and Victory medals together with his Imperial Service and 1953 Coronation medals.

After the war he spent a career with the Post Office.



**Frank Garfield.
1917 and 1980's**

Ernest Robert GARFIELD

08/02/1895 – 26/09/1968

Private 16393 Northamptonshire Regiment.

He enlisted in November 1914 with 'A' Company, 7th Battalion.

In my possession are his 1914/15 Star and Victory medals. He would also have been entitled to the War medal but this has been lost over the years.

After the war he served as a Police Officer with the Metropolitan Police Force.

In 1920 he married Edith Hutchon in Wandsworth.

The 1921 census shows him as a police constable at the police station Streatham.

In the 1939 Registry he was living at 168 Sunnyhill Road, Wandsworth. His occupation was again given as a police constable.

Probate records following his death showed him living at 8 Woburn Road, Leighton Buzzard.



Bob Garfield

Arthur James GARFIELD

1890 - 1978

Private 117469, 36th Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps.

Enlisted in the army in August 1915 and at that time gave his address as 17 Victoria Street, Spalding.

In 1916 he married Susan Ann Shaw at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Spalding. The address given was 17 The Terrace, London Road, Spalding.

The 1921 census shows their address as Groom Cottage, Rempstone, Loughborough. His occupation given as Private Chauffeur.

The 1939 Registry shows Jim and Susan (Uncle Jim and Aunt Susie to me) living at West Lodge, Kempstone Hall, Notts. His occupation was again given as Private Chauffeur.

Probate shows that in 1978 they were at 3 Borough Street, Kegworth.

Entitled to the 1914/15 Star, War and Victory medals.



Jim Garfield

Walter Stapleton GARFIELD

15/02/1893 – 03/01/1974

Private 16389 12th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regiment).

He enlisted in September 1914 and was posted to the 12th Battalion in August 1915. He was at some time transferred to the Labour Corps, number 647928.

Walter married Emma Whitwell in January 1915.

The Peterborough Advertiser of the 27th April 1918 reads:

The fourth son of Mr & Mrs Garfield, Warmington, has been wounded and is now in hospital in London. He is one of five brothers serving in France, one being killed last May.

Walter received a gunshot wound to his left arm. He was awarded the Silver Wound Badge although I am not sure if the number was 52564 or 519924.

Walter was discharged as sick in February 1919 and was awarded a wound badge, number 519924.

Walter's son, Walter James Garfield, born 1915, was killed in the Second World War while serving with the RAF. A tribute to him is on another document attached to the Peterborough Military History Group website.

The 1921 census shows him to be living at 231 Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield. He was a boiler / fireman working at the Stanton Iron Works, Cleasley Colliery, Derbyshire.

The 1939 Registry shows Walter to be living at 27 Priestsic Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield. His occupation is given as a butcher's slaughterman.



Walter Garfield

Other Photo's



**Unveiling of Warmington War Memorial
1920's and below 2020**

