

## Lance Corporal Harry Brumby

**Regimental Number: 241493**

**1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)**

**born: 1894 - died: 17 May 1918**

Harry Brumby, son of William and Emma Brumby<sup>1</sup> was born in the spring of 1894 in Edensor, Derbyshire,<sup>2</sup> which is about 17 km west of Chesterfield. He had three siblings – sisters, Ellen (born about 1892)<sup>3</sup> and Edith (born about 1896),<sup>4</sup> and a brother, Jarvis G. (born 19 July 1900).<sup>5</sup> In 1901, his father was a domestic coachman in Edensor and all his children were living at home.<sup>6</sup>

By 1911, William and his wife were living in Pilsley, Bakewell, with their two youngest children.<sup>7</sup> Harry's sister, Ellen, was working as a servant in the home of John Peyps Cokerell, a land agent, in Edensor.<sup>8</sup> John Cockerell's son, Andrew, was killed in action at Mametz Wood, France, on 14 August 1916.<sup>9</sup> It is not known where Harry, who was then 17, was living in 1911.

Harry enlisted in Chesterfield, Derbyshire in the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).<sup>10</sup> He was a Lance Corporal (Serial No: 241493) in the 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion.<sup>11</sup> At the outbreak of the war, the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters combined with others to form the 139<sup>th</sup> (Forester) Infantry Brigade in the 46 (North Midland) Division. In 1918, the battalion was involved in the Battle of the St Quentin canal, the Battle of the Beaurevoir Line, the Battle of Cambrai, the Battle of the Selle, and the Battle of Sambre.<sup>12</sup>



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He was admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 16 May 1918 with gun shot wounds to his back. He died two days later. He was just 24 years of age. Brumby was identified as belonging to the Church of England and the chaplain presiding at his burial the following day in the Pernes British Military Cemetery (Plot 1, Row E, Grave 40<sup>14</sup> near the small town of Pernes-en-Artois in the Pas de Calais, was J. K. Tibbits. His mother, Emma Brumby, was notified of his death. She was sent the monies owing to him after his death<sup>15</sup> and had the following inscription engraved on his headstone:

PEACE PERFECT PEACE<sup>16</sup>

On 16 May, 198 soldiers were admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, bringing the total number of patients to 388.<sup>17</sup> In the whole month of May, there were 115 deaths at this CCCS – more than in any of the other three and a half months that the 1<sup>st</sup> CCCS was in Pernes. The Pernes British Military Cemetery was only set up in April 1918 when the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Stations came to Pernes, driven back by the German advance.<sup>18</sup>

Harry's death is commemorated, along with those of many others, including many members of the



Sherwood Foresters, who fell in World War I, in his home church, St Peter's Church, Edensor.<sup>19</sup>  
St Peter's Church, Edensor ([www.stpetersedensor.org/](http://www.stpetersedensor.org/))

Harry was awarded the British Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) and the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre).<sup>20</sup>

Harry's younger brother, Jarvis Goodwin, also served in World War I. Before the war he had been a gardener but, when he enlisted, he was a stoker in the Royal Navy and assigned to the HMS Victory II – the training depot at Crystal Palace – from 1918 to 1919.<sup>21</sup> He survived the war, married in 1947<sup>22</sup> and died in 1977, all in Derbyshire.<sup>23</sup> After the war he became a locomotive engine driver.<sup>13</sup>

Harry's father, William, died in 1921<sup>24</sup> – very shortly after the end of the war – and his mother, Emma, in 1952.<sup>25</sup> Both are commemorated at St Peter's Church in Edensor, as are other members of the Brumby family.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*.

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<sup>8</sup> "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 3 September 2014), entry for Ellen Jane Brumby, Registration district: Bakewell, Registration District Number: 438, Sub-registration district: Bakewell, ED, institution, or vessel: 20, Piece: 21192

<sup>9</sup> "St Peter's Church, Edensor: Monuments," [www.stpetersedensor.org/page12.html](http://www.stpetersedensor.org/page12.html): accessed 2 September 2014

<sup>10</sup> "UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)), entry for Harry Brumby

<sup>11</sup> *Commonwealth War Graves Commission*, entry for Brumby, Harry ([www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org): accessed 4 November 2017)

<sup>12</sup> "Sherwood Foresters – World War I"

([https://www.army.mod.uk/documents/general/Sherwood\\_Foresters\\_World\\_War\\_I.pdf](https://www.army.mod.uk/documents/general/Sherwood_Foresters_World_War_I.pdf): accessed 21 November 2014)

<sup>13</sup> "England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations)," 1858-1966 online database, *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 2 September 2014), entry for Emma Brumby

<sup>14</sup> "Record of Deaths, 17 February 1916 - 10 February 1919, a record maintained at No. 1 CCCS," Library and Archives Canada, (records accessed 2013 & 2014), Record Group 9, series IIC10, volume 4556, Record number 498

<sup>15</sup> "UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk); accessed 19 January 2015), entry for Harry Brumby

<sup>16</sup> *Commonwealth War Graves Commission*, entry for Brumby, Harry ([www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org): accessed 4 November 2017)

<sup>17</sup> "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31," Library and Archives Canada (<http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph->

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