

Reporting Potts
Comrades in
1915

The Trooper Potts VC Memorial Site



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Potts' Comrades - Section E-G

EADY - H Norman [2106]

Trooper Norman Eady who is killed was a son of Mr C H Eady, till recently of Lockinge Gardens and a brother of Mr F C Eady of Messrs Sutton and Sons.

EDE - R A [2179]

ELLIOTT - W G [1905]

Trooper W Elliott is reported as wounded. He was employed at Messrs Callas Sons and May Ltd.

ELSE - A J [1484]

EMERY - Percy Charles [1566]

Trooper Emery who was formerly in the foreign office at Messrs Sutton and Sons is reported to be wounded.

photo - Lance Corporal P C Emery of 76 Donnington Road Reading who has been in hospital in Cairo but is now recovered.

A member of the Berkshire Yeomanry, Lance Corporal Percy Charles Emery has recently died in hospital in Cairo from an abscess. He fell ill last August from the same complaint but got better. Unfortunately he was stricken down again and, as stated, passed away. The only son of Mr and Mrs Emery of 75 Donnington Road, Lance Corporal Emery was a native of Reading and was educated at the Kendrick School. For about three years he was engaged at the Berkshire County Council offices and subsequently went to the County Council offices at Shrewsbury where he was on the outbreak of war. Just before his death he wrote his parents saying how much better he was feeling after his illness. He was 22 years of age. Mr George R Young, chief clerk at Shrewsbury, wrote saying that Lance Corporal Emery was his particular helper at the office and he could say that he had never had a more true hearted friend. The deceased was for four years with the Berks Yeomanry [BC 5/11/1915 p11]

photo - Corporal P C Emery, Berks Yeomanry, 75 Donnington Road, Reading. Educated at Kendrick School Reading and for three years at Berks CC offices [[BC 12/11/1915 p 5]

EMERY - V G [1630]

EVANS - Alfred T [1523]

Trooper Alfred T Evans, Wantage, dangerously wounded

EVERSHED - R [2379]

FIELD - O W [2345]

FIELDER - J [1992]

FLOYD - T J [1903]

FORD - F J [1970]

FRANCIS J E [1926]

FREEMAN A [1682]

FURNICE - Arthur [1862]

Trooper Arthur Furnice of Stroud Green Newbury slightly wounded

photo - Trooper Arthur Furnice, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Furnice of Stroud Green Newbury, wounded. He hasd previously been wounded in the Gallipoli fighting for which he underwent treatment at Alexandria. (NC 31/12/1915 p8]

GALE - E [1798]

Further news is to hand concerning local [Bracknell] men in the Berkshire Yeomanry who fought in the attack on hill 70, Dardanelles is that Trooper Harry Howell is wounded by a bullet through the thigh and that Trooper Harry Howell, officially reported as missing is now officially reported wounded, shot wound. All local men wounded in that engagement are doing well.

GALE - F [1876]

GALLANTRY - Jack [2065]

Trooper Jack Gallantry of Lambourn has been rather badly hurt [BC 1/10/15 p7]

GILES H C [1691]

GILLET - G [2058]

GODDARD - O W [1669]

GOOCH - Edward Sinclair [Major]

Born in 1879 and educated at Winchester, Major Edward Sinclair Gooch, Berks Yeomanry who is wounded, is a son of the late Mr J V Gooch and a nephew of the late Sir Daniel Gooch, chairman of the Great Western Railway, who was made a baronet for his services in connection with the successful submersion of the Atlantic cables in 1865-6. He was formerly in the 7th Hussars and was in the South African War receiving the Queens medal with five clasps. Since 1910 he has been a Major in the Berks Yeomanry. In 1903 he married Eva, youngest daughter of Mr K Everard-Jones of Fassfern Kinlocheil, Invernessshire

photo - Major E S Gooch of Cooper's Hill Bracknell. He is in the Berks Yeomanry and is wounded. He fought in the South African War with the 7th Hussars.

Deep regret will be felt throughout Berkshire that Major Edward Sinclair Gooch who led the Berkshire Yeomanry so gallantly in the desperate charge at Hill 70 on August 21st died on Tuesday from the severe wounds received on that occasion. Major Gooch was the son of the late J V Gooch and Mrs Gooch of Cooper's Hill Bracknell. Born on February 26 1879 he was educated at Winchester and gazetted second Lieutenant in the 7th Hussars in November 1900. He served in that regiment in the South African war 1901-1902 receiving the Queens medal with five clasps. Subsequently he joined the Berks Yeomanry and was promoted major on September 27 1910 and was gazetted to the Reserve of Officers. As already stated he was in command of the Berks Yeomanry during the attack on Hill 70 in the operations on August 21 and 22 in Gallipoli when he greatly distinguished himself by his skilful and gallant leading over difficult country. The Berks Yeomanry was the leading regiment of the brigade and Major Gooch was actually the first in the trenches where he received a bullet wound in the head. He was taken on board a hospital ship and brought home and died at Lady Ridley's hospital, 10 Carlton House Terrace on September 21. He married in 1902 Eva daughter of Mr Everard Jones of Feas Fern, Fort William: he leaves one daughter. Major Gooch was a good all-round sportsman, a capable officer and exceedingly popular with both his brother officers and men. The funeral will take place at Fort William at mid-day on Saturday near his residence, Tor Castle, Banavie. The train with the coffin will leave King's Cross at 8 pm today. [BC 24/9/15]

Major E S Gooch of Coopers Hill Bracknell who was the first to reach the Turkish trenches received a bayonet wound in the head. Fortunately he was closely followed by Second Lieutenant Hubert Cave Blyde and this young officer not only showed conspicuous bravery in leading on his men but also on seeing his superior officer fall, defended him with great gallantry. It was a critical time for the attacking force but the bravery of officers and men saved the situation. [BC 24/9/15]

photo The late Major Gooch [BC 24/9/15 p 7]

The funeral of Major E S Gooch of Cooper's Hill Bracknell, who died from wounds received while gallantly leading the Berks Yeomanry in the famous charge in Gallipoli, took place on Saturday.

The body was met at Kings Cross on Friday evening by the funeral party of the Berks Yeomanry (under th officer in charge who rendered the usual honours. On the platform were Lieut-Colonel J T Wigan Berks Yeomanry who recently returned home wounded from Gallipoli and Colonel Sir E W D Ward Nart KCB late Permanent under-secretary of Atate for War. The train left Kings Cross at 8 o'clock, the following officers of the Berks Yeomanry travelling by the same train for the funeral. Lieut-Colonel Sir E A Barry Bart, Major A West and Lieut C Barry.

Fort William was reached at 9.50 on Saturday morning. It was pouring with rain and throughout the day the rain fell heavily. The funeral procession was formed up in the Station Square, led by the Lochaber Boy Scouts of which body Major Gooch was district commander for the county. To the notes of "The Flowers of the Forest" played by the Scouts pipe band the procession made its way through the High Street and during the obsequies business was suspended. The gun carriage on

which lay the coffin swathed by the Union Jack and surmounted by the sword, cap and medal of the deceased officer, was drawn by a contingent of the Boy Scouts. The pall-bearers were Lieut-Colonel H G Henderson MP commanding the (1st) 1st Berks Yeomanry, recently invalided from the Dardanelles, Lieut Col Sir E A Berry Bt, Capt E Butler-Henderson, recently returned home wounded and Major A West, all of the Berks Yeomanry. Major Wilding-Jones and Major E Cameron of Lovat's Scouts; Capt Hallswell late 13th Hussars, Capt Cripps of the Gloucestershire Yeomanry, Mr Bland and Mr Myatt. Outside these marched the funeral party of twelve of the Berkshire Yeomanry including Corpl Duguid and three trumpeters and eight NCOs and men, including RQMS Harris, Sergt R Pinker and Sergt Mason. The firing party was supplied by a Highland regiment from Stirling. The officer in charge of the funeral party was Captain E M Slaughter, officer commanding at Yeomanry House Reading.

At St Andrews Church a short service was conducted by the Bishop of Argyle and the Isles and when the coffin was committed to the grave the customary volleys were fired, a piper playing "Lochaber no More" between the volleys. The Trumpeters of the Berks Yeomanry the sounded the Last Post. Amongst the relatives present were Mrs Gooch (widow), Miss Bridgett Gooch (daughter) and Mr Everard-Jones (father-in-law)

The Bearer Party, buglers and trumpeters all performed their duties most efficiently.

A large number of wreaths were sent amongst the most noticeable being a magnificent floral tribute of white blooms and mauve orchids inscribed "In memory of a dearly-loved and gallant comrade, from the officers of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Lines, Berkshire Yeomanry", attached to the wreath was a bow of the regimental ribbon. Yjere was also a very handsome mauve-coloured wreath, largely composed of sea lavender bearing the inscription "With deepest sympathy from the NCOs and men of the 1st line, Berkshire Regiment", Colonel Sir Edward Ward sent a beautiful wreath.

Many letters, both from officers and men of the Berks Yeomanry have been received in appreciation of Major Gooch. Amongst them is one from a wounded Yeoman in hospital in England. He writes "Major Gooch led us just as if it was on parade. I heard with great sorrow of his death. Every man of the squadron held a high opinion of him and he led us into action just as we thought he would. Words cannot express his great work on that day" [BC 1/10/15 p7]

[see Blyde, Charlish and Henderson]

GOOCH - Percy [1656]

Mr and Mrs A Gooch of 12 Stanley Grove Reading have heard that their son, Trooper Percy Gooch has been wounded, extent not stated. Twenty years of age Trooper Gooch has been with the Yeomanry for about four years. He was with the London Guarantee Insurance Company at their offices in Friar Street reading and is the youngest son. His parents have received a field postcard from him saying he has been admitted to hospital and is going on well. Trooper Gooch has two other brothers in the forces. One Ernest Arthur Gooch is with the Army Service Corps and the other, Lance Corporal Edward Gooch is with another squadron of the Berkshire Yeomanry in England.

[see Lane]

The description of Trooper Percy Gooch should have read as follows:- Trooper Percy Gooch, Berkshire Yeomanry (wounded) representative of the London Guarantee and Accident Company Limited, Friar Street Reading and was their resident inspector at Oxford.

Trooper Percy Gooch and Lance Cpl W Goode of Reading are in Newbury Hospital. Happily they got in the front part of the train and so were deposited at Newbury; had they gone to the hinder part they would have been carried north.

photo - Trooper Percy Gooch 12 Stanley Grove Reading - wounded

GOOD - William [1749]

Mr and Mrs Thomas Good of Garfield, Northumberland Avenue Reading have now had two sons wounded. Corporal Horace Good of the (1st) 4th Royal Berkshire Regiment was shot through the neck on the 15th June but has now recovered and is at Aldermaston. Now news has been received that their other son, Lance Corporal William Good of the Berkshire Yeomanry, with which he has been connected for upwards of two years has been wounded. The extent of his injuries has not been stated in the official communication. He was at the Pulsometer Engineering Works at Reading and is 21 years of age.

photo - Lance Corporal W Goode, 43 Northumberland Avenue Reading - wounded

GOODCHILD E W [2091]

photo - Trooper E W Goodchild, Berks Yeomanry of Dromore, Wellington Road, Wokingham wounded [BC 1/10/15 p5]

GOSLING - A H [1805]

It is feared that Corporal Gosling and Trooper Pilcher of Lambourn - both of whom have been mentioned in private letters as having been hit, fell into the enemy's hands when our troops were obliged to retire [BC 1/10/15 p7]

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