

Reporting Potts  
Comrades in  
1915

## The Trooper Potts VC Memorial Site



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### Potts' Comrades - Section Q-T

#### **QUARTERMAINE - William Hurst [2029]**

Trooper William Hurst Quartermaine, son of Mr and Mrs Quartermaine of The Ancient Forester, Oxford Street Reading is reported missing. He rejoined on the outbreak of war having previously served in the Berkshire Yeomanry.

photo - Trooper W H Quartermaine, Berks Yeomanry, The Ancient Forester Reading. Reported missing but happily safe [BC 24/9/15 p 4]

Berkshire Yeomanry - Previously reported missing, now rejoined - Tpr W Quartermain 2029 [BC 12/11/1915 p15]  
[see Lane]

#### **RANT - W E [2096]**

#### **READ - W H [1829]**

#### **REE - Reginald**

Trooper Reginald Ree, 55 Castle Street, Reading sends the following graphic account of his experiences.

I was hit with a shrapnel bullet in my left leg which makes it very awkward to get about, but I am going on fine. They treat us very well here, every comfort. Corporal Thomas is also with me in this place; he has a shrapnel bullet in his chest, it went in the shoulders and lodged in his chest. We landed on the 18th August at 4 am. Soon after we reached shore they started shelling us from the hills. Several of the boys were hit. They marked the water tanks and when the fatigue party went down, over they came, dropping within a few yards of us. I got behind the tank and some others hid behind rocks. This got too hot and I soon got back to the dugouts. These were up in the hills where we were more safe.

On the Friday night orders came through to prepare for a night march so as soon as it was dark we moved for ----- where we took cover. On Saturday August 21st at 2.30 pm we were to commence the general advance. The Navy started bombarding at 2 o'clock and kept up a continuous fire throughout the afternoon.

When we moved off it must have been nearer 3 o'clock and the shrapnel was falling like rain all along the line, from one end to the other and then back again. The boys were falling in dozens, but still we pushed on - not a hitch anywhere. After about a mile I fell. It seemed like a bullet clean through my leg, but on looking I found it had not come out the other side. I tried to get up but could not put my foot to the ground so I had to wait for the stretcher bearers. The bullets were falling all around me so I crawled behind some bushes, the only cover I could find. Soon after that they picked me up and as they carried me away the scrub caught light. Several must have been burnt to death, they were lying all amongst the fire. Poor chaps, it was terrible to see all the bodies. The Red Cross did all they could. [BC 17/9/15]

photo - Trooper Reginald Ree, Berks Yeomanry of 55 Castle Street Reading (wounded) whose graphic story was told last week [BC 24/9/15 p 4]

#### **RENNISON - G [29]**

**RIDER - A W [2152]**

**ROGERS - J C E [1561]**

**RUMBLE - F J [2107]**

**SCHONEMANN - C J [1615]**

**SEWARD - Albert [1475]**

Sergeant Albert Seward, son of Mrs Seward of 46 Bedford Road Reading is officially reported as wounded in both legs. He was a telegraphist with the General Post Office at Reading and has been connected with the Berkshire Yeomanry for some years.

Sergeant A Seward, Berkshire Yeomanry of 46 Bedford Road in a letter to Mr Palmer of 21 Abbey Square, whose son Sergeant F Palmer of the same regiment has been killed, says that when he was wounded Palmer was still alive. Previously he had seen Corporal C Butler fall dying instantaneously. As Seward himself was taking cover he was hit by pieces of an exploding shrapnel shell, receiving four bullets in his legs.

**SHUTLER - [2194]**

**SIMMONS - W [1877]**

**SKELTON - W B [1835]**

**SMITH - G [2030]**

**SMITH - Lester Arthur [2266]**

Mr and Mrs Smith of 50 Addington Road Reading have been informed that their son Lance Corporal Lester Arthur Smith is missing. He enlisted soon after the outbreak of war, prior to which he was booking clerk at Lambourn Station.

News has been received of Lance Corporal L A Smith of 50 Addington Road, Reading, formerly booking clerk at Lambourn station who was reported missing. He is in Floriana Hospital Malta. Early this week Mrs Smith received a visit from a nurse in Reading who said that her sister, who was a nurse at Floriana Hospital, Malta had written that she was nursing Lance Corporal Smith. Naturally Mr and Mrs Smith were greatly relieved at the news, and on Wednesday a letter was received from Lance Corporal Smith himself saying that he is wounded in the chest and right arm and is going on well.

[see Jefferies]

**SNELL - R H [1659]**

**SPARKES - S G [2249]**

**SPENCER - Claude [1089]**

The many friends of Sergeant Claude Spencer, 1st Berks Yeomanry [of Bracknell] heard with sincere regret that he had been wounded in the gallant charge of Yeoman at the Dardanelles. In a letter to his mother from Netley Hospital he says that he is 'doing fine' In the charge he was knocked over with two bullets through the calf of his left leg and an explosive bullet or shrapnel through the right leg above the knee. He has seen many years' service with the Berks Yeomanry and was through the South African War.

photo - Sergeant C Spencer, Bracknell, Berks cricketer - wounded

**STARR - F [1301]**

**STONE - H V [1517]**

**STURGESS - W E [809]**

**SUTTON - Leonard Noel [Lt]**

Second Lieutenant Leonard Noel Sutton, the Mayor's eldest son, has been promoted to be temporary lieutenant in the Berkshire Yeomanry. Lieutenant Leonard Sutton, who belongs to Trinity College Cambridge was one of the many Khaki-clad undergraduates who received the BA degree at the university last month. [BC 5th Nov 1915 p6]

**TARGETT - E Boyne [1942]**

The injuries of Trooper Boyne Targett, B Squadron, son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Targett of St Kilda, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham are a bullet through both cheeks and also in the right arm.

photo - Trooper Boyne Targett, Berks Yeomanry, son of Mr and Mrs E Targett of St Kilda, Wokingham, wounded [BC 24/9/15 p 4]

**TAYLOR - C J [1779]**

**TAYLOR - Harry G [1634]**

Trooper Harry G Taylor whose home is at 25 Highgrove Street Reading is another Reading young man to be wounded. His parents have been informed that it cannot at present be ascertained whether their son's injuries are serious. Twenty one years of age, Trooper Taylor was in the offices of Messrs Sutton and Sons. He has been with the Yeomanry for about three years.

**THOMAS - L [1860]**

**THOMAS T R**

Trooper T R West of the Berks Yeomanry was an old Kendrick. For two years he won the sports championship of the school.

[see Ree]

**THORPE H A [1775]**

Trooper H A Thorpe, Kintbury, is missing [BC 24/9/15]

**THROCKMORTON G W B [Lt]**

**TOMPSON - F E [1893]**

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