



Private Joseph Paul 19693



3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards

Killed in action Tuesday 9th October 1917

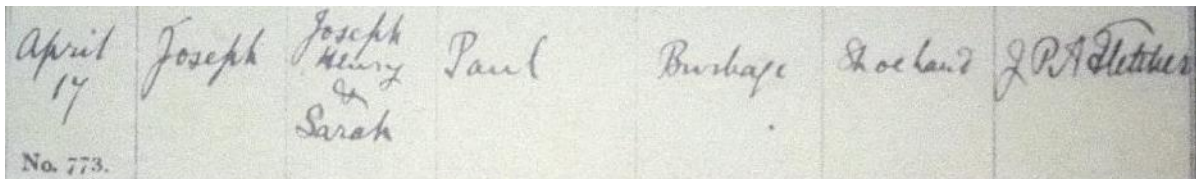
Artillery Wood Cemetery, Boesinghe,
Belgium. Plot 8 Row B Grave 13

Burbage War Memorial

Wesleyan Methodist War Memorial



The second son of the five children of Joseph and Sarah Paul. Born in Burbage and baptised at St Catherine's Church on 17th April 1898.



Baptism Record

His early life was spent living at the home of his maternal grandmother Rebecca Wildbur at 55 Windsor Street. His Father was employed as a boot and shoe worker and his mother a shirt maker. By 1911 the family were living at 32 Windsor Street and his father had moved employment to a general farm labourer.

Joseph may have attended the nearby Wesleyan Day School. The school became part of the Burbage Council Schools in 1902 but still used the Windsor Street premises.

Prior to enlistment Joseph was employed as a hosiery hand at the Robinsons factory on Lutterworth Road, Burbage. In his obituary he is described as 'a quite amiable young man and bore excellent character'. He was a member of the Wesleyan Chapel.

Joseph enlisted in Hinckley on 18th October 1916. After training he was posted with the Coldstream Guards and crossed to France on the 26th May 1917.

The third battle of Ypres started on the 7th June 1917. It is highly likely that Joseph was posted here to fight in the long five-month battle to capture the crest of the Passchendaele ridge.

Over 300,000 lives were lost with the British Expeditionary force. Joseph was engaged in the Battle of Poelcapelle on 9th October where he was killed in action.

The sad news of Joseph's death did not reach the family for over a month as he was reported missing. Five days before his death Josephs former employer William Robinson was killed in action.

In 1919 the Pauls received a war gratuity of three pounds, six shillings and two pence.

Stanley Paul, Joseph's elder brother died in 1922 and the family added his name on the gravestone at St Catherine's churchyard.



Artillery Wood Cemetery, Boesinghe, Belgium

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MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH PAUL
Wish to tender their sincere thanks to their many friends for their kindly sympathy shown to them in the loss they have received through the death of their dear son, Pte. Joseph ("Joe") Paul, of the Coldstream Guards.
"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister, and Gerty.
Windsor Street, Burbage.

BURBAGE COLDSTREAMER KILLED.
The sad news was received by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paul, on Wednesday last week (after nearly a month's waiting), that their son, Pte. Joseph Paul, aged 19, was killed in action on October 9th. The deceased young man joined the colours on October 18th last year, and crossed over to France on May 26th, 1917, with the Coldstream Guards. In a letter to the bereaved parents, deceased's officer says Pte. Paul was quite a favourite with the comrades in his platoon, and much sympathy was expressed with his relatives. Previous to joining up deceased was employed at Messrs. Robinson Bros., Burbage. The unfortunate soldier was a quiet, amiable young man, and bore an excellent character. He was a regular attendant and member of the Burbage Wesleyan Sunday school. Much sympathy has been expressed to his relatives in their sad loss by villagers and friends.

Newspaper Reports

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink. The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

Number of Schedules 98
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection)

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling, or was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE							PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every Person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	ENTIRETY.	
			Married	Widow	Widower	Single	Divorced	Married	Widow	Widower	Single	Divorced				Married
Joseph Henry Paul	Head	41	Married											Burage, Leicestershire	18.	
Joseph Paul	Wife	41	Married											Burage, Leicestershire	14	
Stanley Paul	Son	14												Burage, Leicestershire	14	
Joseph Paul	Son	13												Burage, Leicestershire	14	
Grace Paul	Son	10												Burage, Leicestershire	0	
Ethel Paul	Daughter	6												Burage, Leicestershire		
Frank Paul	Son	5												Burage, Leicestershire		

Write below the number of Rooms in this Dwelling, counting the Kitchen as a room, but do not count outhouses, outhouses, lobby, closets, bathroom, nor warehouses, offices, shops.

Rooms: 5 Bath: 2 W.C.: 1

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Joseph Henry Paul
 Postal Address: 32 Windsor Street, Burage

1911 Census – 32 Windsor Street