
PRIVATE SIDNEY WORTHINGTON

Service Number: 8184

2nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Killed in action 20th November 1914, Aged 24

Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Cuinchy,

Pas de Calais, France. Plot, 4 Row B, Grave 19

Burbage War Memorial, Hinckley War Memorial

Hinckley United Reform Church Memorial

Leicestershire Regiment's Roll of Honour Leicester Cathedral



Born in Hinckley on 10th January 1890, Sidney was the second child of the four surviving children of Fredrick and Elizabeth Worthington. For over twenty years, the family lived at Curzon Terrace on Factory Road, Hinckley. Sydney would have attended the nearby Albert Road School.

On the census of 1901, his father, Fredrick, was working in the Shoe Industry as a Shoe Finisher. On leaving school, in about 1903, Sydney followed his father into the Shoe Factory.

In July 1907, Sidney joined the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment as a Regular Soldier. By 1911, he had been promoted to a Lance Corporal and was serving with the Regiment in India. He later lost his stripe because of conduct prejudicial to military order and discipline. Whilst in India he also suffered sunstroke.

At sometime after 1911 his father, Fredrick, changed employment and worked for the Urban District Council as a Sewerage Farm Labourer. This would be at the Works behind Sketchley Dye Works. To be near his employment the family moved to one of the Dyeworks Cottages on the Rugby Road.

At the outbreak of War in 1914, Sidney, would have been part of the first Expeditionary Forces sent to France in September 1914.

The War Diary for the 2nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment on 20th November 1914 records that the battalion were being heavily sniped but working to make the trenches more secure and watertight. This was near a farm 600 yards from the front line in the Region of Cuinchy in France. Despite sniping only one person was killed that day – Sidney Worthington.

His father, received £1.14s 8d Gratuity following the death of his son and a further £5 Gratuity in 1919. Sidney Worthington's name was later added to the side panel of the Burbage War Memorial, misleadingly under the men who had died from the effects of the War. It is believed that along with Privates Fred Newman and James Trevor Allen who also lived at the Dye Works Cottages and these were not in the centre of the village, the three names had accidentally been omitted at the original construction of the Memorial in 1921.

BURBAGE FALLEN OF THE GREAT WAR



Figure 348 Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais

Name	Grade	Rank	Regt. No.
WORTHINGTON	2 Lieut R	Plt	8184
Sidney			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
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Date of entry thereto		12-10-14	

Figure 349 Medal Card

Transcript - Census of England & Wales, 1911						
Address:	Leicester Regiment					
Name	Relationship	Age	Male/ Female	Marriage Status	Occupation	Birth Location
Sidney Worthington		21			Army	Hinckley, Leicestershire, England

Figure 350 1911 Census – Military India