

## 5863 Pte Frank Monk - 7th (The Princess Royal's) Dragoon Guards British Cavalry





Compiled by Steve Monk 2021

Frank Monk was my first cousin three time removed & Brother of James William Monk

Born in East Guldeford Nr Rye Sussex in 1886.

Died in Dover Kent in 1952 aged 66 years

It appears he signed up for the Royal Sussex Regiment in which his service number was 8324 but was transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards and his service number changed to 5863 or DM/5863.



#### **Military History**

2nd November 1905 attested at Brighton Sussex. Signed up for 9 years with colours & 3 years reserves.

2nd November 1905 Passed medical at Brighton Sussex.

26th January 1906 passed fit for service in Malta.

10th February 1906 Posted to Malta. 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex were at St George's Barracks.

30th April 1906 Posted to Crete.

11th March 1907 Home.

20th April 1907 One case of Drunkenness appears on his conduct record.

20th July 1907 Passed fit for service overseas.

18th October 1907 India 1st Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

27th March 1908 Awarded 3rd Class certificate of education.

4th April 1908 Appointed Lance Corporal.

24th February 1909 reverted back to Private at his own request.

5th April 1909 Changed his religion from Wesleyan to Church of England.

1st April 1911 Transferred to the 7th Dragoons Guards.

31st January 1913 Home.

1st February 1913 to 4th August 1914 Army Reserves.

5th August 1914 to 15th August 1914 Mobilised at Home.

16th August 1914 to 5 November 1914 BEF France.

5th November 1914 Wounded, no further details.

6th November 1914 to 20th December 1915 Home & Hospital.

23rd November 1914 Got married to Sarah Alice Bedwell in Rye Registry Office.

1st February – 3rd March 1915 Something was authorised, but unreadable.

27th February 1915 awarded 28 days detention by Commanding officer.

21st December 1915 Posted 7th Dragoon Guards BEF France on his army record, no further information.

4th May 1919 he was class Z Army Reserves, so he must have survived the war.

#### **Class Z Reserve**

This was authorised by an Army Order of 3 December 1918. There were fears that Germany would not accept the terms of any peace treaty, and therefore the British Government decided it would be wise to be able to quickly recall trained men in the eventuality of the resumption of hostilities. Soldiers who were being demobilised, particularly those who had agreed to serve "for the duration", were at first posted to Class Z. They returned to civilian life but with an obligation to return if called upon. The Z Reserve was abolished on 31 March 1920.

British Expeditionary Force (BEF)

The Cavalry Division:

GOC: Major-General Allenby CB

2nd Cavalry Brigade:

GOC: Brigadier-General H. deB. De Lisle CB, DSO

4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards

9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers

18th (Queen Mary's Own) Hussars

2nd Signal Troop

He originally signed up for 9 years with the colours and 3 years in reserves.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 1911 he transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards and changed his contract under the Para 333 (4) Kings Regulations terms of service, to 7 years with the colours and 5 years with the reserves.

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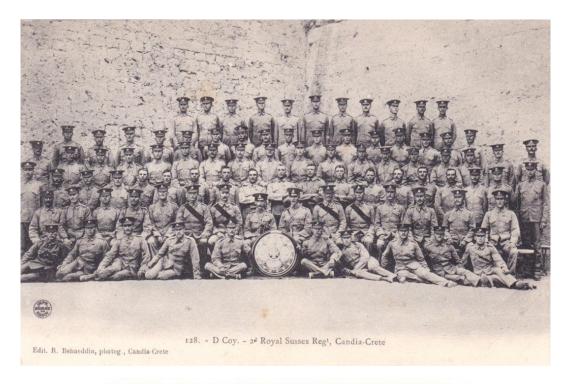
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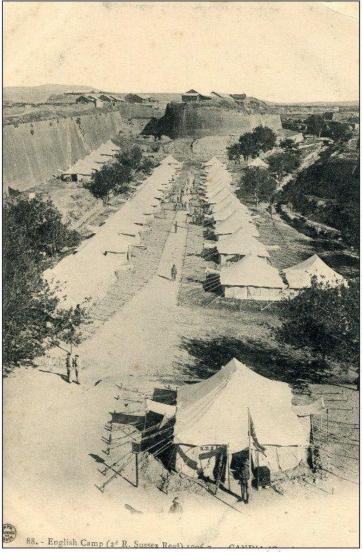
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Below are a couple of postcards found on the internet of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Sussex Regiment in Crete in 1906

I have no idea if Frank Monk is in them but they are certainly of the era.





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28<sup>th</sup> April 1906 Medical Examination in Mtarfa Hospital in Malta before being posted to Crete.

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In 1906, the families of the Sussex Regiment stationed in Crete were kept at Mtarfa.

#### Medical on Transfer to Reserves

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<sup>\*</sup> In the case of a man sent home from abroad for transfer to Army Reserve, this is to be completed by the Officer who carries out the transfer at home.

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Army Form B. 2056.

Proceedings on Transfer TO

## THE ARMY RESERVE.

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<sup>\*</sup> In the case of men sent home from abroad for transfer to Army Reserve, this certificate is not to be signed until the transfer is carried out.

<sup>†</sup> In the case of a soldier who is ruptured, and who, up to the date of transfer to Reserve, has performed his duties without serious inconvenience, a note will be made that, if recalled to the colours, he is only available for home defence and profession.

### LIST OF TRANSFER DOCUMENTS.

- 1. Proceedings on transfer to 1st Class Army Reserve.
- 2. Duplicate attestation.
- 3. Militia or Special Reserve Release (if any).
- 4. Declaration of change of name (if any)
- 5. Regtl. Conduct Sheet.
- 6. Compy. Conduct Sheet.
- Copies of convictions by Civil Power (if any).
- 8. Medical Histy. Sheet
- 9. Declaration on Army F.D. 422 (in the case of men permitted to enter the Reserve before completing their colour service.)
- 10. Copy of 3rd page of attestation (in the case of men entitled to deferred pay vho go to Netley or the Discharge Depot from abroad for transfer).

# Instructions regarding the despatch of Documents on the transfer of soldiers to the Reserve.

- 1. When a soldier is transferred to the Reserve the documents named in the margin, arranged in the same sequence, will be placed inside this form, and sent by the Officer who carries out the transfer to the Officer charged with the custody of the documents of Army Reserve men of the Corps to which he belongs.
- 2. Should any of the man's documents be missing, an explanation of the deficiency, signed by the Commanding Officer, must be substituted for the missing documents.
- 3. A Form of "Receipt for documents" (Army Form B. 279) will be sent with the transfer documents.
- 4. The Officer to whom the documents are sent should check them as soon as possible; if they are found to be correct, he should sign and return Army Form B. 279. Should any document be missing, he must at once apply for it.
- 5. When soldiers are sent home from abroad for transfer to the Army Reserve, the documents specified in the margin will be placed inside this form, and sent home with the men, for transmission to the Officer by whom their transfer to the Army Reserve is to be carried out, together with the following additional documents, viz:—
- (a) New Company Conduct Sheet (Army Form B. 121) completed in accordance with the instructions in the King's Regulations.
  - (b) Parchment Certificate (Army Form D. 426.)

Origina! Attestations.

When a man serving in the Cavalry and Infantry of the Line is transferred to the Reserve at Home, the Officer charged with the custody of the Army Reserve documents will, on receipt of the man's transfer documents from the Officer who carries out the transfer, be responsible that the original attestation is also obtained, and preserved with the other transfer documents.

The original attestations of Reservists of other arms of the service will remain in the custody of the Officer in charge of the original attestations of the corps from which they were transferred to the Army Reserve. (See King's Regulations.)

#### Frank Monk Medal Card

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According to his medal card above it looks as though his British War & Victory medals were returned under Kings Regulations KR 1743. adt is a common abbreviation on the cards and best guess explanation is an abbreviation for 'adjustment' or 'amendment' (perhaps of the Rolls), quite often see '/adt' in combination with other four-digit numbers but not seen a satisfactory/definitive explanation as to its meaning other than the above.

the Star was sent out separately to the other two medals (not sure how likely this was) and the address was incorrect (which is the usual reference to KR 1743) i.e., the medal could not be delivered.

The cross with 4 dots usually indicates how the medals were inscribed.

Unfortunately, it's all guesswork. All we can say with certainty was the medal was returned, why or by whom we probably will never know the reason for certain.

Looking at the medal roll they were re-issued on the 4th of February 1927.

It also looks on the Medal roll that there were two entries for him, one with 4<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards and one with the 7<sup>th</sup> Dragoon guards, as the entries are next to each other maybe this caused a muddle up in engraving and this might have been the reason they were returned and re-issued. Another common reason for medal returns was because recipients had moved. We'll probably never know why in this case.

Frank Monk & his wife Sarah Alice next appear in the 1939 UK Register as living at 24 Cannon Street Dover Kent. Frank is listed as a Licensed House Manager, he died in 1952 aged 66 years. His wife Sarah died in 1963 aged 68 years.

Frank Monk & also his brother James Monk on the 1914 Star Medal Roll.

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Frank Monk British War & Victory Medal Roll

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