



1036 Pte James William Monk - 4th Dragoon Guards (Royal Irish)

4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards were part of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.



Compiled by Steve Monk 2021-22

James William Monk was my first cousin three time removed.

Born in East Guldeford Nr Rye Sussex in 1882.

Killed in France/Belgium in 1914 – Cause unknown.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate Panel 3 - 5 in Ypres as his body was never found.

It appears he signed up for the 7th Dragoon Guards in which his service number was 6704 but was transferred to the 4th Dragoon Guards and his service number changed to 1034 or D/1036



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

James William Monk was born in East Guldeford near Rye in Sussex, some sources say Guildford Surrey but they are wrong it was definitely in the Rye area, living in Peasmarsh he signed up at Lydd.

Military History

22nd June 1905 Attested 7th Dragoon Guards at Lydd. 23 years. 3 months old.

26th June 1905 Passed medical at Canterbury (Com Depot the Buffs)

3rd July 1905 Re-Vaccinated in right arm.

16th February 1906 Facial wound needed stitches, Canterbury.

22nd June 1907 Awarded 1st Good Conduct badge.

12th July 1907 declared fit for service in South Africa.

18 September 1907 on board SS Braemar Castle Troop ship

12 October 1907 Middelburg CC (Cape Corps) South Africa.

18th September 1907 transferred to the 4th Dragoon Guards.

26th October 1908 Sailed back to England.

18th November 1908 Back in England.

23rd July 1909 Examined and found fit for service in Egypt.

11th September 1909 transferred to the 7th Dragoon Guards and boarded SS Braemar Castle for Egypt.

3rd October 1910 Travelled to India on board HT Dongola (SS Dongola)

12th October 1910 Landed in India.

10th January 1913 Arrived back in England.

9th March 1913 Transferred to Army reserve after expiration of his period of Army service.


5th August 1914 4th Dragoon Guards reserves mobilised for WW1.

28th August 1914 posted with the 4th Dragoon Guards.

3rd November 1914 Died, cause and exact location unknown in Belgium/France.

James William Monk Attestation Papers.

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 *Original* Army Form B. 267

SHORT SERVICE. (Cavalry.)

(8 years with the Colours and 4 years in the Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 6704 Name James William Monk Corps One of the Line
Regiment selected 7th Dragoon Guards

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| <p>1. What is your Name?.....</p> <p>2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?.....</p> <p>3. Are you a British Subject?.....</p> <p>4. What is your Age?.....</p> <p>5. What is your Trade or Calling?.....</p> <p>6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years, continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where?.....</p> <p>7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your Apprenticeship expire?.....</p> <p>8. Are you Married?.....</p> <p>9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power?.....</p> <p>10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, or the Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps?.....</p> <p>*11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, or the Royal Navy? If so, state which and cause of discharge.....</p> <p>12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service?.....</p> <p>13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?.....</p> <p>14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?.....</p> <p>15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?.....</p> <p>†16. Do you understand that, although every endeavour will be made to post you to the Regiment which you have selected, you will be liable, if necessity arises, to serve with any Regiment of the Corps for which you enlist?.....</p> <p>17. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.....</p> <p>18. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services!</p> <p>(a) For the term of 12 years, for the first eight years in Army Service and for the remaining four years in the First Class of the Army Reserve. If at the termination of such period of Army Service, you are serving beyond the seas, you will be sent home, with all convenient speed, for transfer to the Army Reserve.</p> <p>(b) If at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service a state of War exists, then if so directed by the Competent Military Authority, to serve in Army Service for a further period not exceeding 12 months.</p> <p>(c) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, you are so required by a Proclamation from His Majesty in case of imminent national danger, or great emergency, then to serve in Army Service so as to complete your term of 12 years, and for a further period not exceeding 12 months.</p> <p>(d) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Regular Forces—(i.) beyond the seas, or (ii.) while a state of war exists with a Foreign Power, or (iii.) while Soldiers in the Reserves are required by proclamation to continue in, or re-enter upon, Army Service, and you, in accordance with such proclamation, have re-entered upon Army Service, then to serve for a further period not exceeding 12 months.</p> | <p>1. <u>James William Monk</u></p> <p>2. In the Parish of <u>St. Andrew</u> in or near the Town of <u>St. Andrew</u> in the County of <u>West Lothian</u></p> <p>3. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>4. <u>22</u> Years <u>2</u> Months</p> <p>5. <u>Labourer</u></p> <p>6. <u>None</u></p> <p>7. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>8. <u>None</u></p> <p>9. <u>None</u></p> <p>10. <u>None</u></p> <p>11. <u>None</u></p> <p>12. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>13. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>14. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>15. <u>None</u></p> <p>16. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>17. <u>Yes</u> Name <u>James William Monk</u> Corps <u>7th Dragoon Guards</u></p> <p>18. <u>Yes</u></p> |
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I, James William Monk do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
James William Monk

Signature of Witness.
James William Monk

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, James William Monk do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all Orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath

on this 22nd day of June 1905

Initially he signed up for the 7th Dragoon Guards in 1905.

Description of James William Monk on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 23 years 3 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the approving Officer.)

| | On Enlistment. | After six months' service and gymnastic course. |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Height | <u>5</u> ft. <u>8</u> ins. | <u>5</u> ft. <u>7</u> ³ / ₄ ins. |
| Weight | <u>127</u> lbs. | <u>140</u> lbs. |
| Chest measurement | Girth when fully expanded..... | <u>36</u> ins. |
| | Range of expansion | <u>15</u> ins. |
| | | |

4 Vaccinations left.

Complexion Fair
Eyes Blue
Hair Black
Religious denomination
Church of England
Presbyterian
Wesleyan
Baptist or Congregationalist
Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated)
Roman Catholic
Jews

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye: his heart and lungs are healthy: he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him * Fit for the Army.

Date June 22 1905.

Herbert Collins

Place Lydd

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Medical Officer.

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him * Fit for service in the † 7th Dragoon Guards and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 26 - 6 - 1905.

E. H. Emmett

CAPTAIN

Recruiting Officer.

Place Canterbury

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

RECRUITING OFFICER, 5th REGT DISTRICT

† Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the † 7th Dragoon Guards

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 26 - 6 - 1905.

E. H. Emmett

Capt

Approving Officer.

Place Canterbury

Com. Depot Dist. Regt.

* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

Army medical in Canterbury.

Statement of Service for Pte James William Monk

| Corps | | Regt. or Depôt | Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c. | Army Rank | Dates | Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension | Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay | Signature certifying of Enlistment | |
|--|--|----------------|---|-----------|---------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|------|
| | | | | | | years | days | years | days |
| Statement of the SERVICES of No. <u>1036</u> Name <u>Monk</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>22. 6. 05</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Joined at <u>Cantebury</u> on <u>23. 6. 05</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 th of the line | | | Altered | | 22 | | | | |
| 7. S. G. R. | | | Posted | | 22 | | | | |
| 4. S. G. R. | | | 10 posted | | 18. 9. 07 | | | | |
| (auto. to letter 120/Case 10020 (10916) 04-15. 7. 07.) | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. S. G. R. | | | Upwarded 1 st G. C. Badge | | 22. 6. 07 | | | | |
| 7. D. G. | | | Posted | Pte | 11 SEP 1909 | | | | |
| Authy--W. O. letter No. 120/Med | | | | | | | | | |
| 7124 dated 3rd July, 1909 | | | | | | | | | |
| R. | | | Transferred to Army Reserve on the expiration of his period of Army Service | | 9. 3. 13 | | | | |
| 4 R.R.C. | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. D. G. R. | | | Posted | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 th Drag. Bde | | | Died, cause unknown | Pte | On or since 3-11-14 | | | | |
| Total Service forfeited as above | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Service towards Engagement to ... (date of discharge) ... years ... days | | | | | | | | | |
| " " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " " | | | | | | | | | |

Posting History

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MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

| Service Abroad. | | FROM | TO | YEARS | DAYS | N.B.—The Country to be shown—it is necessary to show separate the service in the different stations of same count England, Scotland and Ireland to be shown under the general term "Home." For mode of computing Service Abroad, see King's Regulations. |
|--|--------|----------|----------|-------|------|---|
| Africa Home Egypt INDIA Home after Ind. Home Active Service | | 22.6.05 | 17.9.07 | 2 | 88 | |
| | | 18.9.07 | 14.11.08 | 1 | 61 | |
| | | 18.11.08 | 10.9.09 | 1 | 294 | |
| | | 11.9.09 | 2.10.10 | 1 | 22 | |
| | | 3 OCT. X | 10.1.13 | 2 | 100 | |
| | | 11.1.13 | 8.3.13 | | 57 | |
| | 9.3.13 | 4.8.14 | | 159 | | |
| | 9.8.14 | 25.8.14 | | 21 | | |

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| 2. Whether educated at (Applies only to Boys) Name of School to be stated. | Duke of York's Royal Military School Royal Hibernian Military School Industrial School under Home Office or Local Government Board | Initials of Officer making the entry |
| 3. Certificates of education | Third class | End |
| 4. Passed classes of Instruction † This includes any authorised class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chiropody, &c. | | |
| 5. Campaigns (including Actions) | | |
| 6. Wounded | Had missing 3 1/4 (Repd by O.C. Regt) 13 7/8 | |
| Effects of wounds | | |
| Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches | | |
| Medals, decorations and annuities | 1914 Star. BRIT. WAR MEDL. VICTORY MEDL. | CPS |
| 10. Injuries in or by the Service | | |
| 11. Name and Address of next of kin | X Alfred Monk 1111 House Peas Marsh | |

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|----------|--|-------------------------|---|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Marriage | (a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow, (b) place and date of marriage, (c) name of officiating Minister or Registrar, and (d) names of two witnesses | | | | Date of being placed on Married Roll | Initials of Officer |
| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Christian Names | Date and Place of Birth | Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Medical History

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INOCULATION REGISTER
CAIRO 1909

Army Form B. 173.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Monte Christian Name James William

Examined { on 22 day of June 1905,
at Lydd

Birthplace { Parish St. Guildford
County Sussex

Declared Age 23

Trade or Occupation Farm Labourer

Height 5 Feet 11 Inches.

Weight 127 lbs.

Chest measurement { Minimum 33 inches.
Maximum expansion 36 inches.

Physical Development Good

Small Pox Marks Nil

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left
Number 4

When Vaccinated Infancy

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection.

Approved by Herbert L. Hines

(Rank) 2d

Medical Officer

Examined for re-engagement

day of 190

• Considered

(Signature)

Medical Officer

- If unfit, state disability.

Re-vaccinated on 3rd day of July 1905

Arm Right Number 3

Result Perfect

(Signature) H. L. Hines

Medical Officer

Enlisted on 22 day of June 1905, at Lydd

| | CORPS. | REGTL. NUMBER | DATE. |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Joined on enlistment ... | <u>Y.D.S.</u> | <u>1036</u> | <u>22 6</u> |
| Transferred to ... | <u>4th Dragoon Guards</u> | | <u>18 0</u> |

PROPOSED FOR CHANGE OF CLIMATE OR DISCHARGE BY A MEDICAL BOARD.

| Station | Date | Disease | Result |
|---------|------|---------|--------|
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Medical on transfer to reserves 9th March 1913.

| | On 1st Transfer. | On 2nd Transfer. | On 3rd Transfer. | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Description on transfer to Army Reserve. | | | | | | |
| Age | 30 Years 11 Months | Years Months | Years Months | | | |
| Height (Without boots) | 5 Feet 8 1/2 Inches | Feet Inches | Feet Inches | | | |
| Chest measurement (over waistcoat) | 35 in. | | | | | |
| Waist measurement (over top of trousers) | 32 in. | | | | | |
| Exact size of helmet | 20 1/2. | | | | | |
| Exact size of boots | 8 1/4. | | | | | |
| Complexion | Flesh | | | | | |
| Eyes | Grey | | | | | |
| Hair | Brown. | | | | | |
| Trade | Farm Labourer | | | | | |
| Intended place of residence | School Lane Barnham Sussex. | | | | | |
| Descriptive Marks | | | | | | |
| * Statement of Service on transfer to Reserve. | | | | | | |
| 15. | Years. | Days. | Years. | Days. | Years. | Days. |
| Towards limited engagement | 7 | 241 | | | | |
| * Confirmation of transfer to Army Reserve. | | | | | | |
| 16. The above named soldier is hereby transferred to the 1st Class Army Reserve. | | | | | | |
| (Signature of Commanding Officer) | COL. COMMANDANT DISCHARGE DEPÔT. | | | | | |
| (Place) | DISCHARGE DEPÔT. GOSPORT. | | | | | |
| (Date) | 9. 3. 13 | | | | | |
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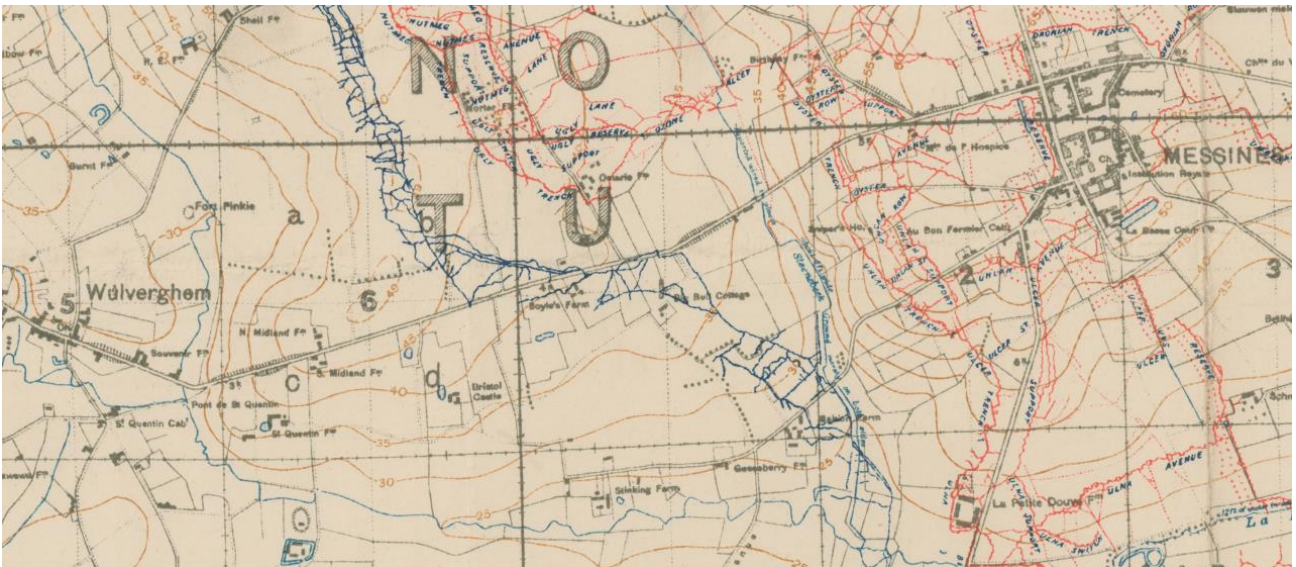
In the case of a man sent home from abroad for transfer to Army Reserve, this is to be completed by the Officer who carries out the transfer at home.

November 3rd 1914
Reveille 4.0am. 'A' + 'C' Squadron in the
trenches 'B' Squadron in reserve. About 4.0am
a most violent bombardment of the 14th portion
commenced and lasted all day. In spite
of very heavy casualties the Squadrons with
extreme gallantry maintained their positions
all day. The trenches in some cases being
entirely blown in by the German heavy Artillery
and several men buried alive.

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All attempted German Infantry attacks
were repulsed. The regimental machine guns
although the officer in charge was killed early in the
day absolutely maintaining the left and
French right against which the main German
attack was directed.
At about 6.0pm the French had entirely
come up on our left and the situation relieved.
At 8.0pm we were relieved by the 2nd
Cavalry Division who took over the trenches.
And our horses having been brought up to
WULVERGHEM we marched into billets at
DRANOUTTE which we reached at mid-night.
During this extremely hard days fighting
we were most nobly supported during the entire
day by the Oxfordshire Yeomanry.
Casualties Lieut. Colmanie Killed, Lieut. Ramsay Killed
Lieut. Norman Thwaites Wounded 2/Lt. Clancey Wd
36 other ranks killed and wounded.

Details in the 4th dragoon guards war diary are very sketch, however looking at the entries for November 1st – 2nd they were just west of Messines having been under constant German bombardment and had retreated a little way out on the Messines to Wulverghem road.

A trench map shows the British trenches in the area in Blue and German trenches in Red.



Below is the trench map superimposed over a google earth image of the same area today.



This would have been the area in which James William Monk met his death as far as I can find. His body has not been found and he is commemorated on the Menin Gate in Ypres. Panel 3-5

On my visit in 2022 I found James William Monks name on the Menin gate and a photo of it is included on the next page.



James name is top panel under 4th Dragoon Guards, second column, 4th name down.

In Memory Of
Private

JAMES WILLIAM MONK

Service Number: 1036

4th Dragoon Guards (Royal Irish) who died on 03 November 1914 Age 30

Son of Mr. A. Monk, of School Lane, Peasmarsh, Sussex.

Remembered with Honour
YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Panel 3 - 5.



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COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES
|||||

COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

INDEX No. M.R.29
YPRES
(MENIN GATE)
MEMORIAL
PART XXVII
(U.K.)

MONEY, Pte. Arthur C., 16646. 8th Bn. Bedfordshire Regt. 20th Dec., 1915.

MONEY, Pte. Sidney, TF/4169. 1st/8th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 26th April, 1915. Age 19. Son of George Money, of 320 J, Guinness Buildings, Fulham Palace Rd., Hammersmith, London; husband of Ellen Money, of Australia.

MONEY, Serjt. Sidney Aubrey Kyrle, 1416. 1st Bn. Hon. Artillery Company. 16th June, 1915.

MONEY, Pte. Walter, 70351. 17th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 30th July, 1917. Age 20. Son of Daniel and Elizabeth Money, of Sun Villa, Bishopsgate, Englefield Green, Surrey.

MONGAN, Pte. William, 33552. 2nd Bn. Yorkshire Regt. 31st July, 1917. Age 21. Son of John and Mary Mongan, of 9, Victoria Square, New Wortley, Leeds.

MONGER, Pte. Joseph, 10648. 2nd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. 23rd Oct., 1914.

MONGON, Pte. Owen, 33088. 10th Bn. Cheshire Regt. 7th June, 1917. Age 22. Son of Patrick and Mary Mongon, of 18, New St., Altrincham, Cheshire.

MONK, Serjt. Alfred James, 7567. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. 5th May, 1915.

MONK, Lce. Cpl. Arthur, 703192. 1st/23rd Bn. London Regt. 7th June, 1917. Age 22. Son of Henry and Elizabeth Monk, of 47, Garlands Rd., Red Hill, Surrey.

MONK, Pte. James William, 1036. 4th Dragoon Guards. 3rd Nov., 1914. Age 30. Son of Mr. A. Monk, of School Lane, Peasmarsh, Sussex.

MONK, Pte. Norman, S/9302. 6th Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 31st July, 1917.

MONK, Rfn. Thomas, 6/9704. 4th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 8th May, 1915.

MONK, Pte. William Thomas, 36407. "C" Coy. 6th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. 31st July, 1917. Age 26. Son of Mr. G. E. Monk, of Lower St., Stansted, Essex.

MONKHOUSE, Pte. George, 9056. 2nd Bn. Durham Light Inf. 9th Aug., 1915.

MONKHOUSE, Cpl. Harry, 1391. 2nd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 2nd May, 1915.

MONKHOUSE, Tpr. John Walter, 2894. 2nd Life Guards. 13th May, 1915.

MONKHOUSE, Capt. Joseph Thompson. 6th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 27th April, 1915. Age 29. Son of Octavius and Mary Hannah Monkhouse, of "Fairfield," Stanhope, Co. Durham; husband of Bessie Vickers Brown-Humes (formerly Monkhouse), of Prospect House, Hamsterley, Witton-le-Wear, Co. Durham. Was an old Christ's Hospital boy and a Territorial Officer for several years prior to the War.

MONKS, Pte. Albert, 266992. 1st/6th Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. 13th Aug., 1917. Age 26. Husband of Elizabeth Mary Ann Monks, of Leicester Square, Soundwell, Staple Hill, Bristol.

MONKS, Pte. Arthur, 2309. 1st/4th Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 16th June, 1915. Age 19. Son of James and Mary Jane Monks, of 91, Sharp St., Warrington.

MONKS, Pte. Arthur, 42560. 2nd Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 31st July, 1917. Age 21. Son of Mrs. E. Ogden, of 19, Athcon St., Doncaster.

MONKS, Pte. Charles, 235243. 19th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 31st July, 1917. Age 19. Son of Matthew and Elizabeth Ann Monks, of 24, Lark St., Bolton.

MONKS, Pte. John, 17139. 7th Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 31st July, 1917.

MONKS, Pte. Richard, 17526. 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. 3rd Feb., 1916. Age 26. Son of Richard and Sarah Monks, of 3, Stringer St., Leigh, Lancs.

MONKS, Pte. Samuel, 8835. "C" Coy. 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 24th May, 1915. Age 18. Son of William and Margaret Monks, of 11, Arran Quay, Dublin.

MONRO, Serjt. Adam, 8605. "B" Coy. 2nd Bn. Cameron Highlanders. 23rd April, 1915. Age 22. Son of Mrs. Isabella Monro, of 30, Morrison St., Edinburgh.

MONRO, Pte. Duncan, 1930. "B" Coy. 1st/7th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 26th May, 1915. Age 20. Son of George McKenzie Monro and Margaret Monro, of 52, Horatio St., Roker, Sunderland.

MONRO, Pte. William S., 3884. 4th Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 25th Sept., 1915. Age 19. Son of James and Margaret Elizabeth Anderson Monro, of 388, Gt. Western Rd., Aberdeen.

Official List of personnel on the same plaque – Menin Gate.

| <u>MENIN GATE MEMORIAL.</u> | |
|---|------------------|
| <u>BAY - 5</u> | <u>STONE - A</u> |
| <u>Two columns of names.</u> | |
| Top Stone. | |
| Stone below - G | |
| <hr/> | |
| <i>Column 1.</i> | <i>Column 2.</i> |
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| 4TH DRAGOON GUARDS | |
| PRIVATE | PRIVATE |
| Bourlet W. | McDonald T. |
| Carey J. | Marvin H. |
| Casleton F. | Merry W.F. |
| Chilton F.A. | Monk J.W. |
| Coleman A. | Moore J. |
| Cramp E.W. | Mumery J.W. |
| Evans T. | Moakes J.W. |
| Everitt W. | Partridge L. |
| Gray R. | Richardson G. |
| Green Z. | Shaw H.W. |
| Greenwood A. | Smith P. |
| Hammond C.D. | Stewart E. |
| Honnor A.E. | Stuttard R.A. |
| Horey J. | Taylor S.S. |
| Hunt G.W. | Venn W. |
| Hunter J.W. | Warwick W.H. |
| Lee P. | Young A.V. |
| Leonard W. | Young J. |
| <hr/> | |
| MENIN GATE. 5/A | |
| (Typed 6.7.1925). | |
| SPECIAL LAY-OUT | |
| 1 st Name 2 nd Column | |
| <i>Robt. R. C. 17/1/25</i> | |
| <i>86</i> | |
| <i>6.6.1925</i> | |

| Name. | Corps. | Rank. | Regtl. No. |
|---------|----------|-------|------------|
| MONK | 4/D. Gds | Pte | 1034 |
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| James W | | | |

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Comet Rgt. No. D/1036 and 20 A. 1380.

Signed Receipt for the 1914 Star & Clasp signed by T Monk (Thomas Monk) his younger brother.

2/Clasp, 494/1036.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the "1914 Star" granted in respect of the service of Ho/1036. Pte. J. Monk. 4th Bn. 4th Div.

Date 9 July 1919. Signature T Monk

Signed Receipt for the British War & Victory Medals signed by A Monk.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the

granted in respect of the service of No. 1036. Pte. J. Monk. 4th Bn. 4th Div.

Date 10/11/19 Signature A Monk

1036 Pte James William Monk British War & Victory Medals

(To be rendered in duplicate.)

Corps of Dragoons. REGIMENT OR CORPS. 2D (b).

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and the British War Medal granted under Army Orders 301 and 266. of 1919.

| On 1/1/18 or on becoming non-effective | | NAME | Unit previously served with Regt. No. and Rank in same on entry into theatre of war. | Theatre of war in which served | | | | | | | | Clasp awarded (to be left blank) | Record of disposal of decorations (a) Presented (b) Despatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock | REMARKS |
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| Regt. No. | Rank | | | From | To | From | To | From | To | From | To | | | |
| D/1034 | Pte. | ASSITER, Frederick. W. | D/1034. 4th D. Gds. Pte. | | | | | | | | | | | Class "2" A. Res. 2.5.19. |
| 1035 | " | PEARCE, Edward. | 1035. " " | | | | | | | | | | | " " " " 1911.19. |
| 1036 | " | MONK, James. W. | 1036. " " | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. 3.11.19. |
| 1037 | " | CRANE, Ernest. W. | 1037. " " | | | | | | | | | | | Killed in Action 20.10.14. |
| 1038 | " | MARSH, George. H. | 1038. " " | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. Physically Unfit. 20.11.17. |
| 1041 | " | WILCOX, Sidney. G. | 1041. 7th D. Gds. " | | | | | | | | | | | Class "2" A. Res. 9.2.19. |
| 1042 | " | COX, Samuel. | 1042. 4th D. Gds. Pte. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1043 | Cpl. | WILLEYMAN, Albert. W. | 1043. 7th D. Gds. Cpl. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1044 | Pte. | JORDAN, Franklin. D. | 1044. 4th D. Gds. Pte. | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. Physically Unfit. 25.1.19. |
| 1045 | Cpl. | McKENZIE, Alexander. | 1045. " Cpl. | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. 18.2.14. |
| 1047 | Pte. | KIRBY, William. | 1047. " Pte. | | | | | | | | | | | Killed in Action. 11.12. |
| 1049 | " | BERTON, Arthur. | 1049. " " | | | | | | | | | | | Class "2" A. Res. 10.3.19. |
| 1051 | " | LAPPING, Charles. A. | 1051. " " | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. Physically Unfit. 20.3.16. |
| 1052 | " | GAUMERT, Christ. E. | 1052. 7th D. Gds. " | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. Term. of Engagement. 22.5.19. |
| 1053 | Cpl. | ROBE, Horatio. | 1053. 4th D. Gds. Cpl. | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. Term. of Engagement. 22.5.19. |
| 1056 | Sgt. | GRIFFIN, Alfred. | 1056. " Sgt. | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. to re-enlist 20.3.19. |
| 1057 | Pte. | MARTIN, Frederick. J. | 1057. " Pte. | | | | | | | | | | | Dis. Term. of Engagement. 22.5.19. |
| 1058 | " | MARTIN, Frederick. J. | 1058. " " | | | | | | | | | | | Class "2" A. Res. 22.6.19. |

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

Place Canterbury. Date 12 JAN 1920

Colonel.
Signature and rank of Officer certifying.

1036 Pte James William Monk 1914 Star & Clasp Medal (Note that the entry below is his brother 5863 Pte Frank Monk)

4th (P.I.) Dragoon Guards. Regiment or Corps when Decoration was earned. Original.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 350 of 1917. 49

| To be left blank. | On Date of Disembarkation. | | NAME. | Date of Disembarkation. | REMARKS. | Record of disposal of decoration. (a) Presented. (b) Despatched by Post. (c) Taken into Stock. | To be left blank for use in War Office. |
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| | Regt. No. | Rank. | | | | | |
| 1914 Star | 2238 | Pte. | MILBURN, F. J. | 10-8-14. | Prisoner of War. | | |
| | 5241 | Sgt. | MILGATE, V. | 11-11-14. | | | |
| | 7911 | Pte. | MILLS, F. C. | 31-10-14. | | | |
| | 4246 | " | MILTON, J. | 9-9-14. | To 15th En. F. Warwick Regt. | | |
| | 5105 | " | MOLLOY, A. E. | 23-9-17. | Rev. No. 35784. | | |
| | 1032 | " | MONK, J. | 16-8-14. | | | |
| | 5863 | " | MONK, F. | 20-8-14. | Died. 3-11-14. | | |
| | 7464 | " | MONNERY, A. | 16-8-14. | | | |
| | 5242 | " | MOON, S. | 16-8-14. | | | |
| | 4615 | " | MOORE, E. | 11-11-14. | Killed in Action. | | |
| | 5256 | L/Cpl. | MOORE, E. L. | 16-8-14. | | | |
| | 8054 | Pte. | MOORE, J. | 21-8-14. | Killed 24-5-15. | | |

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Decoration as detailed above.

Place CANTERBURY. Date 27 JUN 1918

Colonel.
Signature and rank of Officer certifying.

James William Monk - 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards. 2nd Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

The 1st Cavalry division was not formed until the war had started. The 1st Cavalry Brigade was at Aldershot, the 2nd Cavalry Brigade at Tidworth, the 3rd Cavalry Brigade was in Ireland and the 4th Cavalry Brigade was in London and the south east. The Division was formed in August 1914 and went to France between the 15th and 18th August 1914.

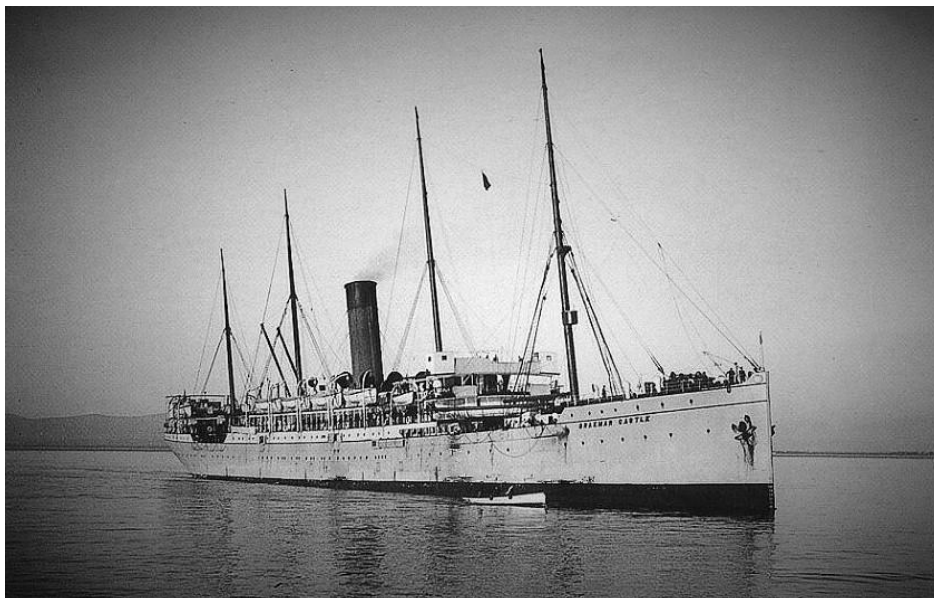
On the 16th of September, the Cavalry Division became the 1st Cavalry Division. At times during the war the division served in the trenches as infantry, each Cavalry Brigade once dismounted formed a dismounted regiment under the command of a Brigadier. The 1st Cavalry Division served in France and Flanders until the Armistice.

In 1914, it deployed from England to France with the British Expeditionary Force's 1st Cavalry Division. The regiment's 'C' Squadron charged a German cavalry column just east of Mons on 22 August 1914, in what was the British Army's first action of the First World War (1914-18). It spent the remainder of the conflict in France and Flanders, fighting in a mounted and dismounted role, and gaining 26 battle honours.



The memorial at Casteau, north east of Mons, marking the spot where C Squadron of the 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards became the first British unit to go into action against the German Army, on 22 August 1914.

HMHS Braemar Castle was a hospital ship which served with the Royal Navy in the First World War, as well as serving as a troop ship in the Second Boer War and the Greco-Turkish War.

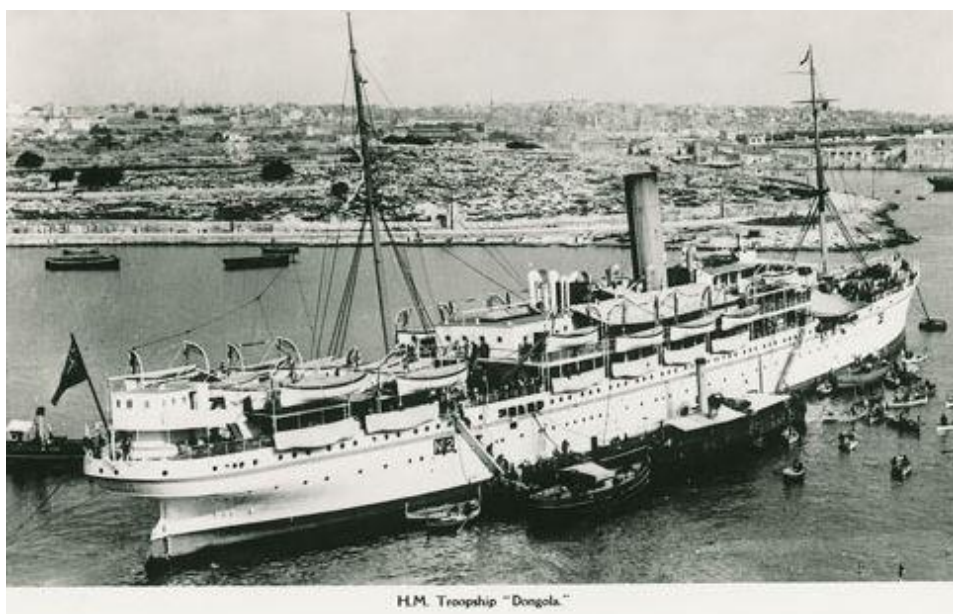


She was built in 1898 and originally served as a passenger liner with the Union-Castle Line, sailing from Southampton to South Africa. At the start of the Boer War, and from 1909, she served as a troop ship, for the British Expeditionary Force in 1914 and in Gallipoli in 1915. From 1915, she was converted to a hospital ship, hitting a mine (laid by SM U-73) in the Aegean Sea on 23 November 1916 and being repaired at La Spezia.[1] She continued to serve as a hospital ship until 1922, sailing to Murmansk in 1918 and staying until 1921, the last non-Russian ship to leave Archangel. Braemar Castle continued to serve as a troop ship before being sold for scrap in Italy in 1924.

The SS Dongola, launched 14 September 1905, was a steam-powered passenger liner of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, at various times used as a Royal Navy troop ship (HMT Dongola) and hospital ship (HMHS Dongola).

Except during the First World War, the ship's main use was as a passenger liner on the routes from England through the Suez Canal to India and the Far East, and she was fast enough to carry mail.

P & O sold the ship in June 1926 to be broken up for scrap.



War gratuity originally paid to his father Alfred, but he died in 1919 so it looks as though it was paid to James's brothers Thomas, Frank, and Charles, but I can't yet work out what it means.

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| 268074 | E 195082 _T | Mont. James William | H th Dragoon Guards Private | Bonnie Canterbury 3 11. 14 Deaths presumed | 32 16 5 6/16. | 32 16 5 m.o. 8/16 | 22-8-16 Vat Alfred. | 32 16 5. | |
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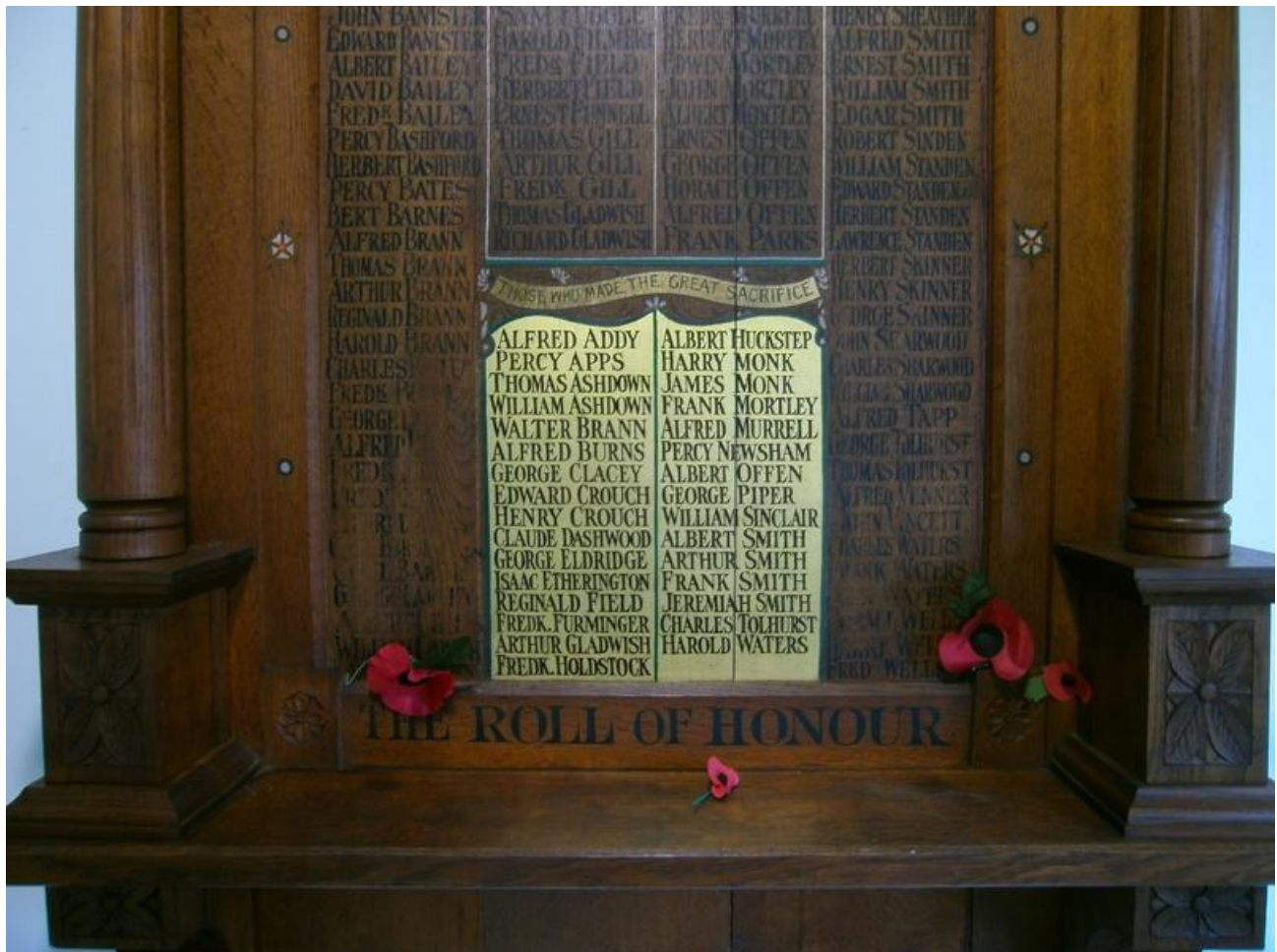
I found this card below filed in some pensions corner of the internet, It looks as though James William Monk may have had something to do with this person, but as yet undiscovered.

ALMOND. 11/PP/24911
Miss Nellie Elizabeth
Sussex
Rye.
4 Landgate Square.
1036 Rye. ^{James William} Monk. Dragoon lds.
H.W.
17.3.21.

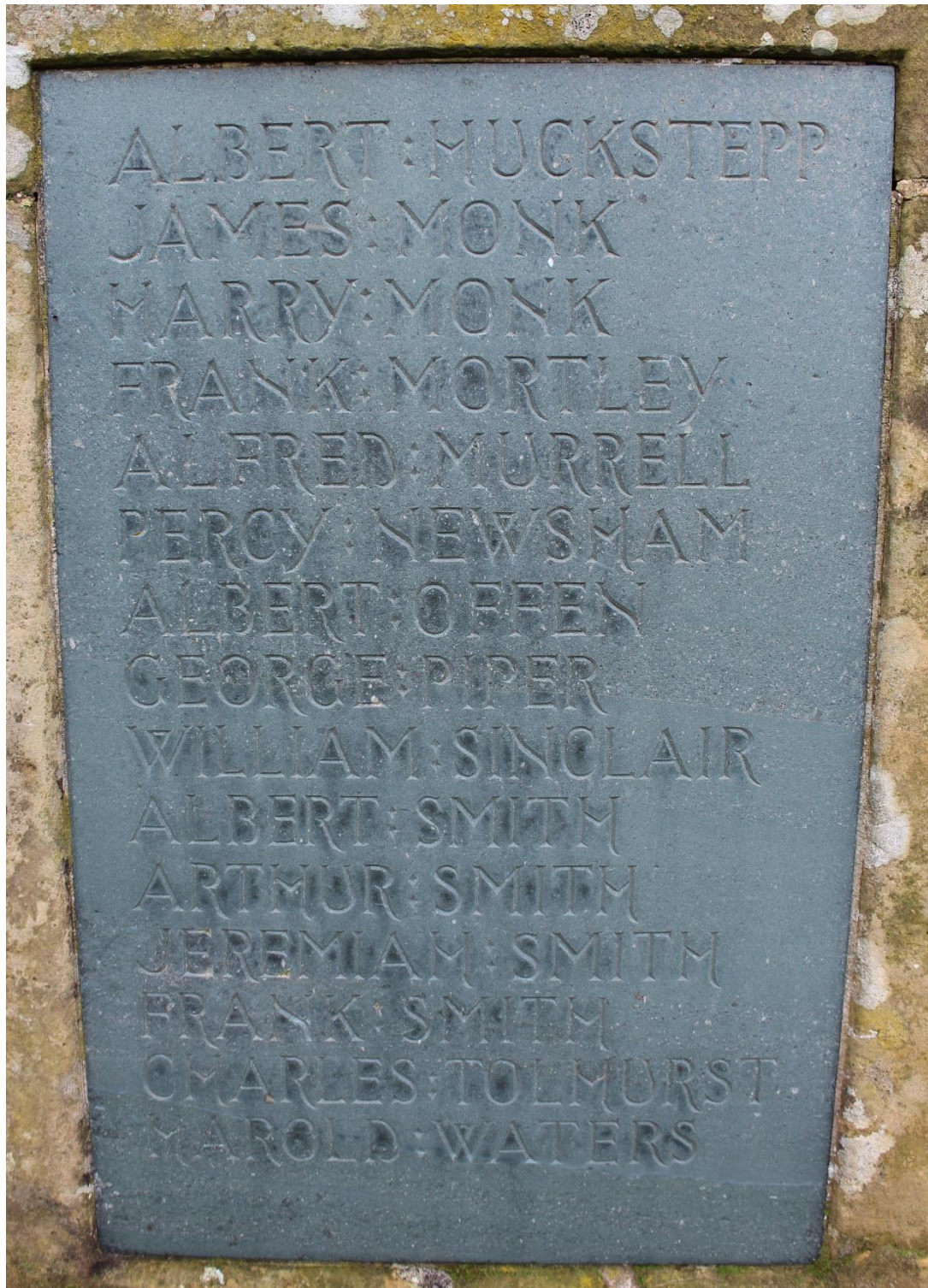
I have found a Nellie Elizabeth Almond living at this address in the 1911 Census when she was 11 Years old living with her parents. Looking at the date in the bottom left hand corner of the card above it would seem that she would have been 21 years old in 1921, so possibly his girlfriend or pen pal.

Peasmarsh Church

The Roll of Honour inside Peasmarsh Church with James Monk on it. The Harry Monk just above James is a mystery, so far in my research I have not been able to find and place a Harry Monk within the family. It could be a separate family of Monks, but the research continues.



Peasmarsh War Memorial



War Memorial

St Peter And St Paul Church Cross (WMR 17061) Peasmarsh East Sussex.

Again, the mystery Harry Monk name appears, this time underneath James Monk on the War Memorial.

To be continued ...

Simplified family tree from Steve Monk
back to James William Monk.

