

BLANDFORD WW I MEMORIAL

MELMOTH + THOMAS BERNARD VICTOR

Born: 1897 Bromley Kent As Bernard Thomas Victor H Cavell

Rank: Private

Service No: 3/7512

Date of Death: 08/11/1918 Died of Wounds Home

Age: 20

Regiment/Service: Dorsetshire Regiment 6th Bn

Grave Reference: L D J20

Cemetery: Hastings Cemetery Sussex

Family:

Father Albert Bernard Cavell b 1878 Poplar London (See page 3)

d 1917 **K I A France**

Mother Lilian Gertrude Harvey b 1876 Durweston Dorset

m 1897 Bromley Kent

d 1943 Poole Dorset Buried

Blandford Cemetery

Step Father Thomas Melmoth b 1868 Cheltenham Gloucestershire
Carter/Labourer

m None found

d 1943 Sturminster Newton Dorset

Siblings None found

Census:

1901 38 Norman Road Wimbledon Surrey given age 3 Grandson as Victor Cavell with paternal grandparents

1911 Dain Farm Wrecclesham Farnham Surrey given age 15 Nephew as Victor Cavell with aunt and maternal grandfather

Notes:

C W G C Son of Mrs L Melmoth of 10 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Dorset (as Bernard Victor Melmoth)

Death registered Dec 1918 Hastings 2b 23

Death Certificate for Thomas Bernard Victor Melmoth

Died Eighth November 1918 at The Fairlight Sanatorium 469 Old London Road Hastings UD male age 20 years of 10 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Dorset Ex Lance Corporal No 3/7512 Dorset Regiment Groom Cause of death Pulmonary Tuberculosis Syncope Certified by Nigel Stallard M B Informant Lillian G Melmoth In attendance of 10 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Dorset

1911 Census Tom and Lilian Gertrude Melmoth are at 10 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Dorset Married 4 years no children no marriage found

1939 Register Tom and Lilian G Melmoth are at 10 White Cliff Mill Street

Service Record (as Bernard Victor Melmoth)

26/08/1914 Attested Blandford age 18 years 8 days Stableman

NoK Mother 10 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford

26/08/1914 to 08/09/1915 Home

14/04/1915 Forfeit 4 days pay for being absent

28/04/1915 Forfeit 8 days pay for quitting camp without permission

09/09/1915 to 02/07/1916 Gallipoli

31/12/1915 Promoted to Lance Corporal (unpaid)

03/07/1916 to 15/09/1916 B E F France

14/09/1916 to Hospital in the field Bronchitis

16/09/1916 to England by Hospital Ship St Patrick from Boulogne

16/09/1916 to 13/03/1917 Home

14/03/1917 to 13/05/1917 B E F France 31/03/1917 in the field

12/04/1917 Wounded G S W left arm

14/05/1917 to England by Hospital Ship Princess Elizabeth

22/01/1918 Melchet Court Hospital Romsey Hampshire Tuberculosis of the lungs

03/05/1918 Silver War Badge issued No 360892

07/05/1918 Discharged no longer fit for war service Service 3 years 255 days

08/11/1918 Died Hastings Sussex

Details of Albert Bernard Cavell

Albert Bernard Cavell b 1878 Poplar m 1897 Bromley Kent to Lilian G Harvey

Parents Thomas James Cavell b 1848 and Matilda Cavell b 1846 m c1873

Brother Herbert Thomas Cavell b 1875 Poplar

24/10/1914 sailed to Melbourne as a miner his brother had sailed to Australia in 1911 as a farmers assistant

Service Record Summary

28/10/1915 *Attested in the 2nd Coy Tunnelling Corps A I F as a miner and not married Sapper No 508 age 35years 3months NOK Mother Mrs Matilda Cavell*

20/02/1916 *Sailed from Sydney*

05/05/1916 *Landed Marseilles*

15/05/1916 *Will leaving everything to Thomas James Cavell or if dead to Matilda Cavell of 7 The Terrace Firework Road Mitcham Surrey England or if dead to Herbert Thomas Cavell of Lane Lane Broken Hill South Australia*

22/06/1916 *in the field*

01/01/1917 *Killed in action*

*C W G C Cemetery Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery Fleurbaix
France I L 29 Son of Thomas James and Matilda Cavell
Born at Poplar London*

After his wife`s death in 1920 Thomas James Cavell sailed to Australia where he died in 1925

In 1891 census Lilian Harvey born Durweston Dorset is living at 113 High Street Bromley Kent as a servant

Blandford burial records 11/08/1943 Lilian (aka Gertrude) Melmoth (aka Cavell) No headstone

With thanks to Bill Lovell for the information.