

RIPLEY, Percy

Percy William Ripley was born in Brixton, London on 28 October 1890. He was the son of George Ripley (born in Cambridge in 1853) and Mary Elizabeth Ripley (born in Cambridge in 1853).

In 1891 aged 5 months, Percy was living in Brixton, Lambeth with his parents and siblings Ethel Mary (10), George Austin (6), Elith Helen (3) and Alfred Charles (1).

In 1901 aged 10, Percy was living at 17 Avenue, Brixton, Lambeth with parents George (47) who was a compositor, and Mary (48) and Ethel (20) who was a drapery shop assistant, George (16), E Helen (13), Alfred (11), Edward Stanley (7) and Minnie Marjorie (2)

In 1911 aged 20 and working as a office clerk, Percy was still living with his parents at 47 Fircroft Road, Upper Tooting, Wandsworth with siblings George (27) a chemist pharmaceutical, Alfred (21) dental mechanic, Edward (17 who was still a scholar and Minnie (12)

His army records show that he enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery (98674) at the age of 25 and 10 months and address 51 Cambridge Place and next of kin Kate Dell.... (unreadable). There is no date on the enlistment form. There is also some writing and the only words that can be made out are 'Chatham' and 'Membury'.

On 2 June 1920 his Dispersal Unit is shown as the Royal Engineers (no. 253227) Unit SSTC – R.E. Signs. Record Office: Chatham. Address for pay: Lewington (?difficult to read), Membury Nr Axminster. The theatre of War is listed as E and his medical category A1.

In spring 1916 he married Ethel M Summers (sister of Willy Summers who also served) in the registration district of Axminster, and he died in early 1974 in Bournemouth, aged 83.