

Sidney Harold Kerswell

3008 Private 3rd Battalion, London Regiment the Royal Fusiliers

Son of James (deceased) and Fanny Little Kerswell (born Looe)
20 Hatcher Street, Dawlish

Born 1894 in Dawlish

1901 Sidney lived at 4, Alexander Place with his father - James Kerswell a Naval pensioner of 63 and mother Fanny (44) and sisters Augusta (born Ireland), Isabella, Edith and Edna. All the other children were born in Dawlish.

1911 Grocer's apprentice. Living with his widowed mother and brother James and sisters Isabella, Edith and Olive.

Enlisted 19th April 1915

Served in Egypt

Died 14th October 1915 of wounds in Gallipoli

Medals:

British medal



Victory medal



Star



Buried Pieta Mill Cemetery A XIV.6 Malta

The Cemetery is located in Triq id-Duluri (Our Lady of Sorrows Street), 2 kilometres south-west of Valletta on the road to Sliema.

From the spring of 1915, the hospitals and convalescent depots established on the islands of Malta and Gozo dealt with over 135,000 sick and wounded, chiefly from the campaigns in Gallipoli and Salonika, although increased submarine activity in the Mediterranean meant that fewer hospital ships were sent to the island from May 1917.



1/3rd (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers)

04.08.1914 Stationed at Hampstead Road as part of the 1st London Brigade of the 1st London Division and then moved to war station guarding railway from Basingstoke to Eastleigh.

04.09.1914 Embarked for Malta from Southampton arriving 14.09.1914.

02.01.1915 Mobilised for war and embarked for France arriving at Marseilles.

10.02.1915 Transferred to the Garwhal Brigade of the Meerut Division.

17.02.1915 Transferred to the Dehra Dun Brigade of the same Division and engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;

1915

Battles of Neuve Chapelle, The Battle of Aubers Ridge, The Battle of Festubert and The Battle of Loos in 1915.

No. of Contract.....dated.....
Name and Address of Firm.

Imperial War Graves Commission.

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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
to this report is attached
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS
(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)
and
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

Name of Cemetery.
PIETA M. C. MALTA
To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus :-
PIE. M. C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line.		2nd Line.		3rd Line.	4th Line.	Age	Centre of Stone.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level.		
	Number and Rank.		Initials, NAME and Honours.		Regiment.	Date of Death, <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small>			Relig. Emb.	Plot P. Row R. Grave G.	No. of Stone.
(1)	(2)		(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
1006	1953	PRIVATE	J.	KGMP	5	ARG. & SUTH'D HIGHRS.	14TH OCTOBER 1915	NONE			
1212	WF/392	ABLE SEAMAN	E.	SMITH	10	NELSON BATN. R.N.D.	12TH OCTOBER 1915	NONE	CROSS	A 14 5	82
1022	1381	CORPORAL	G.	MUTCH	6	HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY	13TH OCTOBER 1915	AGE 33			
1186	843	BOMBARDIER	T.	ROSE	5	ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY	12TH OCTOBER 1915	NONE			
1048	WF/3008	PRIVATE	S.H.	KERSWELL	10	3RD BN, LONDON REGT. R. FUS.	14TH OCTOBER 1915	NONE	CROSS	A 14 6	83