

Edward Maurice SCOTT

Born 8 November 1893, Woking, Surrey Died 24 February 1917, Iraq, aged 23
Private 240474 The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) 1st/5th Battalion

Edward Maurice Scott was the son of Samuel Arthur Scott (1857-1904) and Mathilde Caroline Elise Scott (1855-1946). He was born in 1893 (recorded in Guildford District, Jan-Mar 1894, Vol 2a, p58) and Baptised at St Mary's, Horsell, Woking on 28 March 1894.

Mathilde Caroline Elise Typke was the eldest child of Herman Typke (1820-1909), born in Berlin, Prussia, and was a naturalised British subject, and Caroline Typke (1829-1904) born in Switzerland. Herman was a watchmaker employing four people in his London business and lived at 3 Wimpole Street, Marylebone in 1881.

Samuel and Mathilde married in July-September 1883 in Marylebone (Vol 1a, p 1027) and by 1891 they had moved to New Malden and had two children, Samuel G (1886-) and Joyce Eda (1891-).

Samuel was a bank clerk and by 1901 they had moved again to Pine Cottage, Star Hill, Woking. They had four children at home, Samuel G, Joyce Eda, **Edward M (1893-1917)** and John Douglas (1895-).

At some point after 1901 Samuel Arthur Scott and his wife moved to Dawlish, possibly for his health. A Death Certificate shows that he died on the 20th September 1904 at No 15 Brunswick Place, Dawlish. His wife, Mathilde, informed the registrar and it shows that Arthur was 49 and a pensioned banker's clerk. He died of leucocythemia, pneumonia 14 days and heart failure. Mathilde continued to live in Dawlish and is there with her daughter Joyce Eda Scott in the 1911 census. At that time the younger boys were at boarding school, Woodfield House, Wolverley, Nr Kidderminster. (**Edward**) **Maurice Scott** was 17 and (John) Douglas Scott was 16.

Mathilde (Matilda) died in the Chichester registration district in the September quarter of 1946, aged 91. Her sisters Anna Clara Elise Typke and Ida Elise Typke died in the same registration district in 1949 and 1937, and further research may show that they supported each other in old age.

There is a record that **Edward** enlisted in the Buffs at Ashford, Kent, but there is no record of the date.

1/5th (The Weald of Kent) Battalion Territorial Force history is:

04.08.1914 Formed at Ashford as part of the Kent Brigade of the Home Counties Division, then moved to Dover, Canterbury and then Sandwich.

30.10.1914 Embarked for India from Southampton where the Home Counties Division was broken up.

Dec 1915 Landed at Basra and joined the 35th Indian Brigade of the 7th Indian Division.

Feb 1916 Became corps troops and formed composite unit with 2 companies of the 1/4th Hampshire Battalion.

12.05.1916 Transferred to the **35th Indian Brigade** of the 14th Indian Division.

The brigade remained with the division for the rest of the war and took part in a large number of small actions: the Advance to the Hai and Capture of the Khudaira Bend (14 December 1916

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– 19 January 1917), the Capture of the Hai Salient (25 January – 5 February 1917), the Capture of the Dahra Bend (9 – 16 February), the Capture of Sannaiyat (17 – 24 February), the Passage of the Tigris (23 – 24 February). (ex-Wikipedia) The re-capture of Kut (24th February)

See http://www.firstworldwar.com/source/baghdad_maude.htm for a report by Sir Frederick Maude on the operations which led to the capture of Sannaiyat on 24th February 1917, opening the passage of the Tigris.

"The capture of the Sannaiyat position, which the Turks believed to be impregnable, had only been accomplished after a fierce struggle, in which our infantry, closely supported by our artillery, displayed great gallantry and endurance against a brave and determined enemy. The latter had again suffered severely. Many trenches were choked with corpses, and the open ground where counter-attacks had taken place was strewn with them.

Early in the morning of February 25th the cavalry and Lieut.-Gen, Marshall's force moved northwest in pursuit of the enemy, whose rearguards had retired in the night."

Edward Maurice Scott is shown as 'killed in action' and a Death Grant of £1.16s.7d was paid to his mother, Mathilde. The amount suggests that he had not long been serving with the regiment at the time of his death. A larger War Gratuity was split £5.10s.0d to his mother and £2.15s.0d each to his brothers Samuel and John Douglas.

Commonwealth War Graves entry: SCOTT, EDWARD MAURICE Private 240474

24/02/1917 Age: 23 The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), 1st/5th Bn.

Grave Ref: XXIX. B. 105/116. [Amara War Cemetery](#), Iraq.

Son of the late Samuel A. Scott, and of Mathilde C. E. Scott, formerly of Woking, Surrey.

E M Scott appears on the Devon Roll of Honour but date and place of death are not shown (Iraq, 24/2/1917)

Dawlish War memorial inscription: SCOTT E.M. PTE. THE BUFFS

Devon Heritage site info: E.M.SCOTT 240474 Private Edward Maurice Scott of the 1st/5th Battalion, The East Kent Regiment (The Buffs). Son of the late Samuel and Mathilde Scott of Woking, Surrey. Born in Guildford in the March Quarter of 1894. Died 24 February 1917 aged 23.

Last known address: 15 Brunswick Place, Dawlish

Next of kin: Mother, Mathilde Scott

References:

Free Birth Marriage Death records

Copy of Death Certificate for Samuel Arthur Scott

Subscription website for;

Census records

UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects

Baptism record (St Mary, Horsell, Woking)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall_of_Baghdad_\(1917\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall_of_Baghdad_(1917))