



*Holt*

## *World War I Casualty Biographies*

### **EDWARDS, Clement Victor**

Clement Victor Edwards was born 1893, the 2nd son of Henry and Martha Edwards. His father had been born at Codford, 7 miles south east of Warminster, 23 miles from Holt. He worked as a leather dresser at the skin factory, probably Beaven's.

In 1901 the family was living on the Melksham Road and comprised Henry, Martha, sons William and Clement and daughters Florence and Cathleen, plus one female servant. By 1910 both boys had followed their father's footsteps and were working as leather dressers. Henry died whilst Clement was at the War in 1917, aged only 54.

On examination at Devizes on 13th April 1916, when he was 23, Clement was recorded as a Congregationalist, weight 155 lbs, height 5'7" and with a girth of 37" around his chest. His physical development was considered to be good. He showed 2 vaccination marks from childhood, adenoids and signs of old tonsillitis.

#### **His general service with the Royal Garrison Artillery included the following:**

- RGA 3/Depot Posted Gunner 13 April 1916
- 38Coy Posted Gunner 19 May 1916
- Posted Gunner 22 May 1916
- Clearing Office Posted Gunner 21 October 1917
- Embarked Southampton 30 March 1918; Disembarked Le Havre 31 March 1918; Posted to 505 Siege Battery 23 March 1918; Joined 278 Siege Battery from 505 15 April 1918; War pay increased to 2
- Embarked Folkestone 16 August 1916; Disembarked Boulogne 16 August 1916; To hospital 16 March 1917; To duty with unit 23 March 1917; Admitted to hospital – wounded 3 November 1917; Invalided to England 9 November 1917 on SS Brighton (Casualty Etaples). War hospital Shrewsbury 29 October 1917 to 19 November 1917
- Shrapnel wound in left forearm – 81 days in hospital (Admitted 28 October 1917; Discharged 17 January 1918. He was granted a furlough which stated that he was considered fit for light duties and to be fit for overseas service within 3 months.
- Returned to France March 1918
- Killed in action BEF France 12th September 1918
- Buried in Red Cross Corner Cemetery, Beugny, Pas de Calais, France Ref 2.A.

**From War Office to Officer in Charge, RGA 10.1.19**

Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late Clement Victor Edwards should be despatched to Mrs Martha Edwards, Prospect Villa.

Any medals granted to the deceased that are now in your possession or that may hereafter reach you should be disposed of to the same above named person

**Names and addresses of Clement's living relatives:**

Mother – Martha, Prospect Villa, Holt

Brother - William Wallis, 32, Lenton Villa

Sister - Florence Ethel, 23 Prospect Villa, Holt

Sister – Kathleen Violet, 20, Prospect Villa, Holt

**Declaration made by Wallis and witnessed by Edwin Beaven, Magistrate of Arboyne, Holt, 17.6 1919**

In order that I may be enabled to dispose of the plaque and scroll in common of the soldier named overleaf in accordance with the wishes of H.M the King I have to request that the requisite information regarding the soldier's relatives now living may be witnessed on the form overleaf in strict accordance of the instructions printed thereon.

The declaration thereon should be signed in your own handwriting and the form should be returned to me when certified by a Minister or Magistrate.

**Form W3106 – Only for use with men returned from an Expeditionary Force or from Garrisons Abroad**

Date 17 January 1918 To Officer in Charge Records RGA, Dover, to Officer Commanding Clearing Office, Dover, The Paymaster, Dover

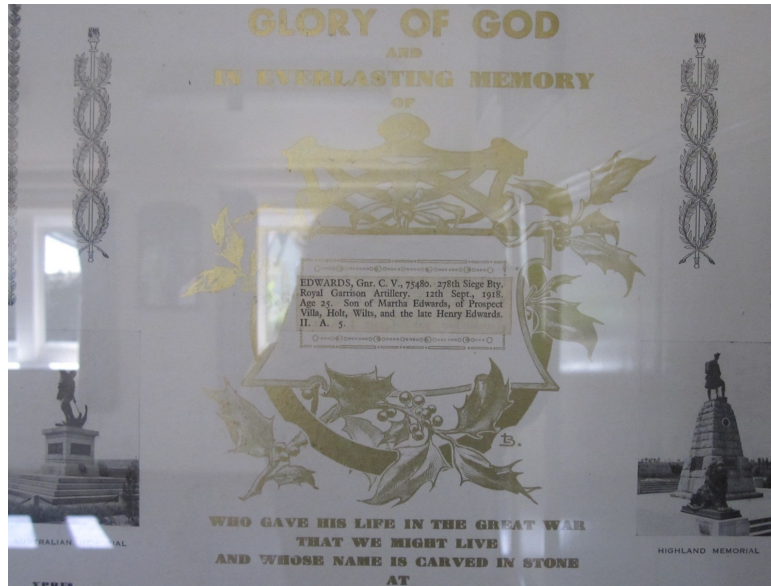
Clement Victor Edwards admitted 28 October 1917 RGA 143 SB has been granted furlough from 17 January 1918 to 26 November 1917. Address while on leave Prospect Villa

His mother asked for a copy of his will and effects and why the dependent's allowance had been stopped – she was informed to apply to the War Office for the will and that the effects were in the Office waiting for the War Office authority for disposal.

Clement Victor Edwards was awarded:

British medal RGA/138B/3836

Victory medal RGA/138B/3836



He is buried in Red Cross Corner Cemetery, Beugny, Pas de Calais, France Ref 2.A.5

Clement Victor Edwards, Gunner, 75480, Royal Garrison Artillery

### References

Ancestry

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Holt Village Hall