

World War I Birmingham City Police PC E169 George Wallace ADAMS

Private 6905

1st battalion Scots Guards

Killed in action Belgium 11th November 1914

George was born early 1885 in the parish of All Saints, Hereford, the son of George and Anna / Annie Marie (nee Hedger)

George had a younger brother Charles, born 1890 in Hereford

1891 census George aka 'Wallace' was residing with his parents at 5 Moorfield Street, Hereford with his 6-month-old brother Charles

1901 census shows 'Wallace' 16 residing with his parents and his brother Charles (10) at 20 Widemarsh Street, Hereford

He attested, aged 22 years and 9 months of age, on 22nd November 1907 in Hereford, he was a clerk, and joined the Scots Guards

5th June 1911 George married Ada James at St Gabriel's Church in Swansea. Ada was born 25.10.1884

George joined Birmingham City Police on 4th October 1911 as a clerk and a reservist, having served in 1st Hereford R Vol

28th January 1914, George and Ada's son, Cuthbert Wallace Adams was born in Balsall Heath, Birmingham

He initially served on the E Division and with warrant number 7889 and collar number PC E169. On 1st June 1914, he transferred to the R Division to do duty in the detective office

17th June 1914 George was awarded a gratuity of a guinea and complimented in police orders for stopping a runaway horse

On 4th August 1914, George was called to re-join his regiment and embarked on 13.08.1914 to France

On 11th November 1914, George was reported missing and this was later deemed to be his date of death

George's WW1 pension card confirms his widow as Ada Bergesen, who was residing at 7 Ivy Gardens, Runcorn Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham and her son was named as Cuthbert Wallace James Adams born 28th January 1914

In 1919 and 1920, Ada Bergesen was residing at 150 Rhyddings Terrace, Brynmill, Swansea with George Henry and Nellie Johnson

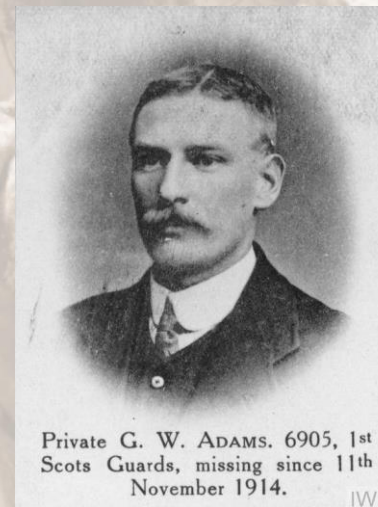
1921 Ada Bergesen was residing in Glamorgan with Cuthbert and Richard Bergesen

In 1939 census Cuthbert Wallace Adams was residing with his mother who was names as Ada Adams (born 25.10.1884)

Burial records show 'Ada Bergesen otherwise Adams' died in 1940 and was buried in the parish of Sketty, Glamorgan on 4th June

There is a record of a Cuthbert Wallace J Adams born 28.01.1814 having died aged 91 in 2005 in Glamorgan

George is commemorated on Menin Gate memorial panel 11



Private G. W. ADAMS. 6905, 1st Scots Guards, missing since 11th November 1914.

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	WEIR R. W.	HA
	WILLIAMS W.	HA
CAPTAIN		HA
BALFOUR R. F.		HA
BULKELEY T. H. R.		HA
C. M. G. M. V. O.	PRIVATE	HA
CAMPBELL C. F. F.	ADAMS G. W.	HA
DE LA PASTURE C. E.	AFFLECK L. A.	HA
WICKHAM W. J.	AIKMAN R.	HA
	AIRLIE O.	HA
LIEUTENANT	AKEHURST G. F.	HA
COTTRELL-DORMER C.	ALEXANDER G.	HA
DOUGLAS-DICK	ALEXANDER H.	HA
A. W. J. J.	ALLISON D. W.	HA
DRUMMOND D. R.	AMES W.	HA
GIPPS R. N.	ANDERSON G.	HA
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