



Lance Corporal Frederick William Perman



20th Hussars (part of 5th Cavalry Brigade)

Died 16 September 1914

Age 23

Frederick William Perman died as a prisoner of war in Berlin, less than a month after arriving in France, and is buried in the Berlin South West Cemetery in Brandenburg, Germany (Plot VIII. H. 2.)

He was born in Ashted, St James the Less, Warwickshire on 4 December 1891, the second son of Charles and Margaret Perman who lived at 9 Charlwood Road, Putney with his elder brother Arthur and four sisters. He was the only casualty of the First World War in his immediate family.

The 20th Hussars had links with Colchester and Warnborough, Hampshire where Frederick spent some of his childhood. The 20th Hussars were part of the 5th Cavalry Brigade, an independent command which was one of the first regiments who received their orders to mobilise on 4 August 1914. The regiment crossed to France on 17 August 1914 with a strength of 24 officers and 519 rank and file. The 20th Hussars formed part of the British cavalry that covered the gap between the British Expeditionary Force and the French 5th Army.

Given the information we have available it is likely that Frederick William Perman was entitled to the Victory medal, also called the Inter Allied Victory Medal. This medal was awarded to all who received the 1914 Star or 1914-15 Star and, with certain exceptions, to those who received the British War Medal. It was never awarded alone. These three medals were sometimes irreverently referred to as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred.

Eligibility for this award consisted of having been mobilised, fighting, having served in any of the theatres of operations, or at sea, between midnight 4th/5th August, 1914, and midnight, 11th/12th November, 1918.

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