

HORACE INMAN

2ND COLDSTREAM GUARDS

EARLY LIFE: MOVING AROUND

Horace Inman was born on 4th September 1886 to Samuel and Clara Inman of 137 Rip-on St, and was baptised at Bradford Parish Church (Cathedral) on 29th September. The 1891 census records the family living at 60 Saltaire Rd a.k.a. the 'Prince of Wales Hotel' where Samuel was the Innkeeper. In 1901, the family had moved to Menston, where Samuel was the Publican of the 'Fox and Hounds', Horace by now had gained a brother, Harold, born in 1894.

By the time of the 1911 census, it is evident that Horace had married Hilda Victoria Sinclair Bull in Warrington in the last quarter of 1909, they had as yet no children. At this time they were living as Boarders in the house of Margaret Alice Wilkinson with an address of 61 Albert Road, Morecambe, Lancashire.



1911 Census Albert Road

Birth and Baptism Record for Horace Inman

From his Medal Index Card and Medal Roll for his War and Victory medals, it is evident that Horace joined the 2nd Coldstream Guards (in Liverpool from another source) regimental number 19311, and did not go to France until after 1st January 1916.



The War Diary for the 2nd Coldstream Guards for the period is relatively brief:

“21/9/1917 – PLURENDEN CAMP (training)

22/9/1917 – Battalion paraded at 1.45PM and marched to PROVEN thence entraining to ELVERDINGHE and marching to CAMBRIDGE CAMP 200 yards west of BLUET FARM (2/LT A.C.J.A.Bugler and 6 OR’s joined)

23/9/1917 – CAMBRIDGE CAMP (fatigues)

24/9/1917 – CAMBRIDGE CAMP (fatigues) (Capt. W.E.C. Baines MC wounded, 11 OR’s killed, 11 wounded of which 3 remained at duty) (Lt G.C. Firbank wounded – remained at duty)

25/9/1917 – Battalion paraded at 5.15PM, and marched to ELVERDINGHE thence entraining to BANDAGHEM and marching to PLURENDEN CAMP arriving about 7PM (2 OR’s joined)”

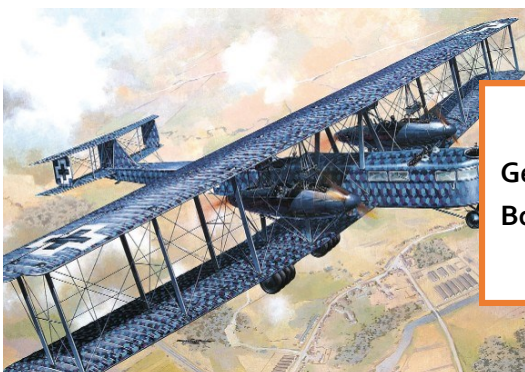
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25/9	ELVERDINGHE	Battalion paraded at 5.15 pm, and marched to ELVERDINGHE thence entraining to BANDAGHEM and marching to PLURENDEN CAMP arriving about 7 pm. (2 OR's joined).

WAR DIARY

Horace Inman is recorded as having been killed with the 2nd Coldstream Guards on 24/9/1917 and clearly is one of the 11 Other Ranks stated as having been killed whilst on ‘fatigues’. BLUET/Bleuet Farm was used as a dressing station during the 1917 Allied offensive on this front. The cemetery was begun in a corner of the farm and was in use from June to December 1917.

It would seem the 2nd Coldstream had been brought down from the north to simply undertake camp restructuring duties at a camp well behind the lines near Cambridge Camp when a working party was hit by a long range shell; possibly even by an enemy aircraft, flying behind British lines dropping bombs on any likely target.

Horace Inman is buried at grave I.E.46 in Bleuet Farm cemetery. Study of the cemetery records shows that there are 12 members of the 2nd Coldstream Guards buried together in this cemetery all of whom died on 24/9/1917. Clearly, one of the 11 Other Ranks recorded as having been wounded, must have died of his wounds at the Dressing Station here to make up the 12. Horace Inman is buried ‘at the end’ of the row, it is possible he was the one who had died of his wounds.



German WW1 Bomber

