
Private Henry Matear MM

2nd Battalion Irish Guards

Service No: 6939

Born / Resided

Auchinstarry, Stirling / 1 Hospital St, Coatbridge

Died

Killed in Action 27/11/1917 at Cambrai

Enlisted

Glasgow 1914

Employed

Miner in Rosehall Colliery

Age

32

Buried / Remembered

Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

Family Information

Son of Mary Matear of 1 South Mains St, Coatbridge. Husband of Mrs Matear of 1 Hospital St, Coatbridge. Father of 4 children. Brother of Private Samuel Matear of the 1st Battalion Black Watch who Died of Wounds on the 14/10/1915 (see index). Another brother Private Robert Matear of the Army Service Corps enlisted on the 02/02/1916, served in Italy and survived the war

Additional Information

Henry was Killed in Action during the Battle of Cambrai in which Tanks were first used successfully. According to Captain Alexander he died "fighting most gallantly in an attack on a wood". Before the war Henry and his 4 brothers went to the USA via Canada and worked in the coal mines where Henry's brother William died. The 4 remaining brothers returned to Coatbridge with Henry enlisting at the outbreak of the war. Henry received his Military Medal for gallantry on the battlefield. He spent 7 days in hospital with a tonsillitis and was discharged back to duty on the 01/09/1916. He played for Caldervale Cricket Club and was according to the Club Secretary "full of life and energy". See photos for Henry's name on the Cambrai Memorial



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MATEAR Henry	Sr Sgt	Pte	6939

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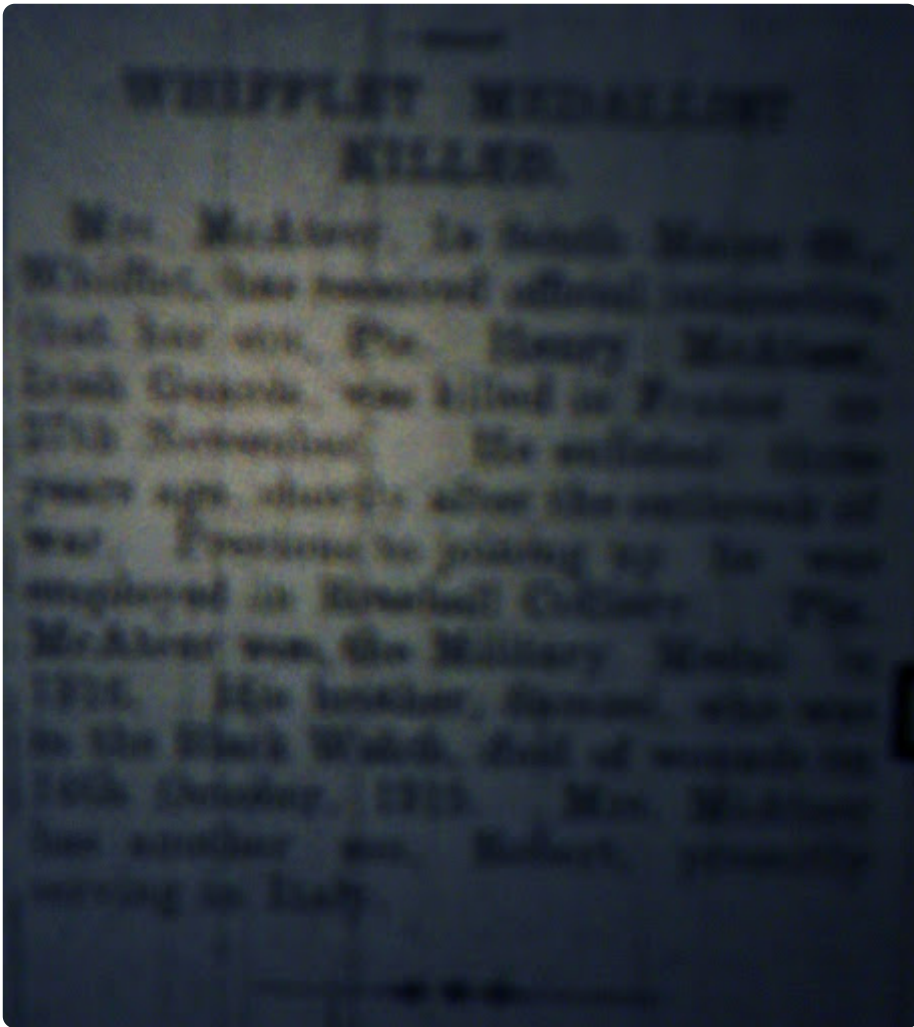
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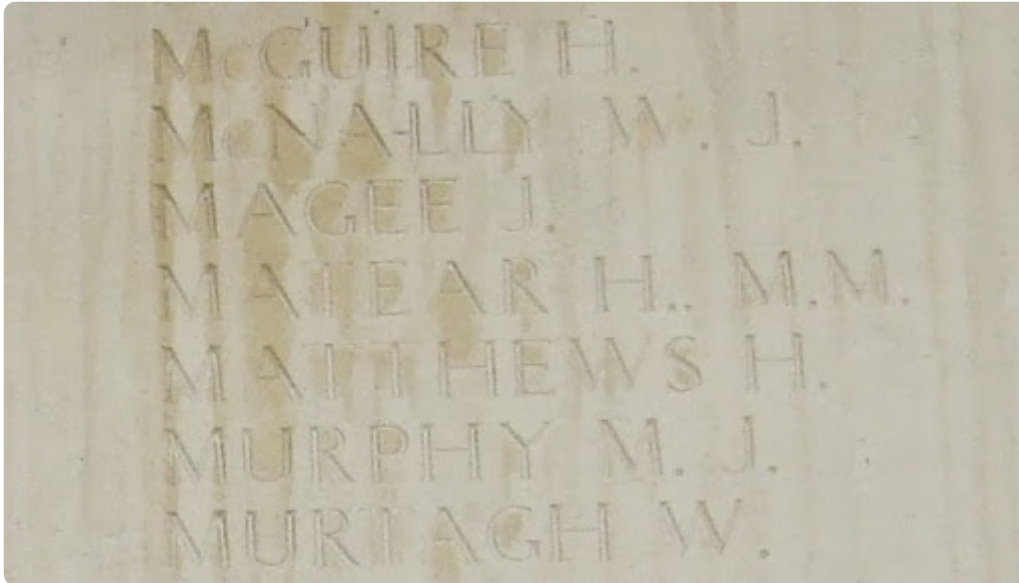
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Coatbridge Express 26/12/1917



Grave



Henry's name on the Cambrai Memorial

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