In Memory of

Serjeant

Frederick Norman Birch

M S M

51282, 25th Div. Signals, Royal Engineers who died on 05 May 1918 Age 29

Son of Moody M. and Alice Birch, of 19, Station Rd., Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham.

Remembered with Honour

Tourcoing (Pont-Neuville) Communal Cemetery

Commemorated in perpetuity by

the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Great War Ancestor – Record of research

Surname	BIRCH M.S.M
Forenames	Frederick Norman
Home address	
Regiment	25th Div. Signal Company Royal Engineers
Notes	died from gunshot wound to the back

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website

Rank	Sergeant
Age at death	29
Date of death	5 May 1918
Service Number	51282
Cemetery/Memorial	Tourcoing (Pont Neville) Communal Cemetery
Grave/Memorial no	Q. 4.
Additional Information	Son of Moody M + Alice Birch of 19 Station Road, Hetton-le-Hole

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19

Place of birth	Hetton-le-Hole
Place of enlistment	Sunderland
Death	France + Flanders DofW
Other regiments, etc.	

Medal Index Cards (TNA WO 372/2)

14 Star	
14-15 Star	✓
British War Medal & Victory	
Other	

Soldiers Documents, First World War, 'Burnt documents' (TNA WO 363/xxxx)

Type of Document	

War Diary (TNA WO 95/xxxx)

Notes	

Local Newspaper

Notes	

Biographical Information

Birth	1890
Baptism	
1901 Census (RG 13/xxxx)	Lyons Colliery, Heton-le-Hole
1911 Census (RG14/xxx)	10 Station Road, Heton-le-Hole
Electoral register, 1 January 1915	

Notes

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UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919

Name:	**Frederick Norman Birch**
Birth Place:	Hetton-le-hole, Co. Durham
Residence:	Hetton-le-hole, Co. Durham
Death Date:	5 May 1918
Death Place:	France and Flanders
Enlistment Place:	Sunderland
Rank:	Sergeant
Regiment:	Royal Engineers
Regimental Number:	51282
Type of Casualty:	Died of wounds
Theatre of War:	Western European Theatre
Comments:	25Th Div. Signal Coy., R.E.
Other Records:	**Search for 'Frederick Norman Birch' in other WWI collections**

Source Information:
Military-Genealogy.com, comp. *UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.
Original data: *British and Irish Military Databases*. The Naval and Military Press Ltd.

Description:
This database contains information extracted from 81 volumes of soldiers that died in World War I. It includes over 703,000 individuals. Information listed may include: name of soldier, birthplace, enlistment place, residence, number, decoration, rank, regiment, battalion, type of casualty, death date, death place, and theater of war served in.

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Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BIRCH	RE.	2 Cpl	51282
F N	"	" Sgt.	"

Initial Frederick Norman

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	RE/101B 102.	21682	D of W. 5.5.18.
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	RE/6B8.	3422	

Theatre of War first served in	1 France
Date of entry therein	27.9.15

EF/1/789

K 1380.

Correspondence.

Claim submitted by Fleet's 4. on behalf of Mrs. A. Birch in respect of the late Spr. F. N. Birch

Reply on E. Fq. for Mrs. A. Birch 14. 4. 19.

Address. 19. Station Road.
Ketton le Hole.
Durham.

(25454—14a) Wt. W 3347—H.P 645t 2000m. 10/19 H. St. Est 5450/1256

Administrative County of Durham

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish of Hetton le Hole | Municipal Borough of | Municipal Ward of | Urban Sanitary District of | Town or Village or Hamlet of Hetton Downs | Rural Sanitary District of Houghton le Spring | Parliamentary Borough or Division of Houghton le Spring | Ecclesiastical Parish or District of Easington

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Cols. 1 No. of Schedule	2 Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	3 Houses Inhabited	4 Houses Uninhabited (U) or Building (B)	5 Number of Rooms occupied by families of less than Five Rooms	6 Name and Surname of each Person	7 Relation to Head of Family	8 Condition as to Marriage	9 Age last Birthday of Males	10 Age last Birthday of Females	11 Profession or Occupation	12a Employer	13 Employed	14 Neither Employer nor Employed	15 Where Born	16 If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
	Market St				Mary J Richardson	Daur			18	Scholar				Durham Hetton le Hole	
					William C Burton	Boarder	S	24		Collier's Assistant		X		Do Yorkshire Bramley	
					John Lowry	Boarder	S	20		Miner's Ho		X		Yorkshire Bramley	
					Isabella Brown	Boarder	S		21	Shop Worker		X		Northumberland Blaydon	
279	4 Do	1			Durham M Birch	Head	M	34		Medical Practitioner		X		Wilkinson Bolton	
					Alice Do	Wife	M		34					Durham Bolton	
					Frances M Do	Daur			8					Do Hetton le Hole	
					Dorothea E Do	Daur			6					Do Do	
					Frederick M Do	Son		4						Do Do	
280	6 Do	1			Joseph Burrows	Head	M	34		Gamekeeper			X	Do Barnard Castle	
					Mary A Do	Wife	M		36					Welsh Ireland	
					Annie Anderson	Daur	M		22	Housekeeper			X	Durham Plawsley	
					Robert Do	Son	M	7		Idiot			X	Durham Plawsley	
					Mary Do	Grandchildren			2					Durham Hetton Downs	
281	7 Do	1			Andrew Hodgson	Head	M	37		Joint Merchant			X	Cumberland Arnaby	
					Jane Do	Wife	M		30					Do Longplacens	
					Elizabeth J Do	Daur	S		9					Durham Pittington	
					Sarah A Do	Daur	S		7					Do Hetton le Hole	
					Mary A Do	Daur	S		4					Do Do	
282	8 Do	1			Robert Bryers	Head	M	24		Miner			X	Do Do	
					Barbara A Do	Wife	M		20					Do Do	
					William Do	Father	M	54		Coal Miner		X		Do Pittington	
					Elizabeth Do	Mother	M		63					Lancashire Chorley	
					Elizabeth Do	Daur	S		22					Durham Easington	
283	9 Do	1			Richard Armstrong	Head	M	39		Licensed Victualler	X			Do Hetton Downs	
					Barbara A Do	Wife	M		34					Do East Rainton	
					John Do	Son	S	27		Do Do	X			Do Hetton Lyons	
					Margaret A Do	Daur	S		23					Do West Rainton	
					Mary J Do	Daur	S	17						Do Do	
284	10 Do	1			Thomas Fenwick	Head	M	34		Miner		X		Northumberland Rothbury	
					Frances A Do	Wife	M		34			X		Durham Houghton	
														Do Rainton	
6	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	6		2		Total of Males and Females		13	15						

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1891 England Census

Name:	Frederick N Birch
Age:	1
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1890
Relation:	Son
Father's Name:	Macpherson M Birch
Mother's Name:	Alice Birch
Gender:	Male
Where born:	Hetton le Hole, Durham, England
Civil parish:	Hetton le Hole
Ecclesiastical parish:	Eppleton
Town:	Hetton Downs
County/Island:	Durham
Country:	England
Registration district:	Houghton Le Spring
Sub registration district:	Hetton le Hole
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Household Members:

Name	Age
Macpherson M Birch	44
Alice Birch	31
Frances M Birch	2
Constance E Birch	3
Frederick N Birch	1

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Administrative County Durham

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Civil Parish: Hetton le Hole
Ecclesiastical Parish: St Nicholas Hetton le Hole
County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District: Hetton le Hole
Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District: Hetton le Hole
Rural District: Houghton le Spring
Parliamentary Borough or Division: Houghton le Spring
Town or Village or Hamlet: Lyons

Civil Parish Schedule No.	Ecclesiastical Parish Schedule No.	Houses Uninhabited	Houses Building	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition as to Marriage	Age last Birthday Males	Age last Birthday Females	Profession or Occupation	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	Where Born	Deaf and Dumb, Blind, Lunatic, Imbecile, Feeble-minded
316	Lyons Colliery	1		Ruth Jeffries	Servant	S		15				Dham Merton	
				Geo. Chapple	Head	M	9		Pitman Hewer	Worker		Sunderland	
				Frances Do	Wife	M		27				Do Hetton	
				Ernest Do	Son		6					Do Do	
				Ethellia Do	Dau			11				Do Do	
				Wilfred Do	Son		1 mo					Do Do	
317	do	1		Arthur Dawson	Head	M	54		Pit Fireman (Coal Pit)	Worker		Do do	
				Margaret Do	Wife	M		57				Do Lyons	
				William Do	Son	S	24		Pit Fireman Coal Pit	Worker		Do Do	
				Mary Ellen Do	Dau	S		21				Do Do	
				Edith Do	Dau	S		17				Do Do	
				Selina Do	Dau			14				Do Do	
318	do	1		Chas. H. Neilson	Head	M	34		Carter (Railway)	Worker		Do Lambton	
				Mary B Do	Wife	M		32				Yorks Crainwell	
				Andrew M Do	Son			7				Dham Lyons Coll	
				Edith M Do	Dau			6				Do Do	
				Joseph H Do	Son		4					Do Do	
				Chas H Do	Son		2					Do Do	
319	do	1		Moody M Birch	Head	M	34		Publican	Worker	Home	London	
				Alice Do	Wife	M		41				Dham Hetton	
				Frances A Do	Dau	S		16				Do Hetton	
				Constance Do	Dau			13				Do Do	
				Fred M Do	Son		11					Do Do	
				Norah Do	Dau			9				Do Do	
				Ethel Surclough	Servant	S		16	Domestic Servant	Worker		Do London	
320	do	1		George Evens	Head	M	54		Pit Fireman	Do		Do Gateshead	
				Eliza Do	Wife	M		54				Do Hetton	
				William Do	Son	S	28		Pit Fitter	Do		Do Do	
				Mary Do	Dau	S		24				Do Do	
				George Do	Son	S	18		Pit Fitter	Worker		Do Do	
321	Do			Thomas Reay	Head	M	36		Gas Meter Inspector	Worker		Do Thornley	
6	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms		2	Total of Males and of Females			14	14					

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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 54 (To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

	NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family. State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc. Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE. Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:— Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7). Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards. Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account. Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry. (1) "Employer" (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).	Whether Working at Home. Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	BIRTHPLACE of every person. (1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country. State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage," (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	INFIRMITY. If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
1	Moody Monckton Birch	Head	64		Married	27	4	4	—	Retired Medical Assistant	438	0	—	London Chelsea			
2	Alice Birch	Wife		57	"	27	4	4	—	Knitting Machinist Stocking		Own account	At Home	Durham Shotton			
3	Constance Emily Birch	Daughter		23	Single	—	—	—	—	Teacher Elementary Sch	County Council	0	—	Durham Hetton le Hole			
4	Frederick Norman Birch	Son	21		"	—	—	—	—	Clerk Colliery Office	Hetton Coal Co	4	—	"	"		
5	Mora Birch	Daughter		19	"	—	—	—	—	Pupil Teacher Cert	County Council	0	—	"	"		
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that:—
(1.) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper age columns.
(2.) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
(3.) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator [illegible]

Total. Males.	Females.	Persons.
2	3	5

0

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

Six Rooms

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Moody M Birch

Postal Address 14 Station Road Hetton le Hole

Army Form B 2065

SHORT SERVICE.

THREE YEARS WITH THE COLOURS OR DURATION OF WAR.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5[illegible] Name Frederick Norman Birch Corps ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

1. What is your Name?	1. Frederick Norman Birch
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of Wm to Ash in or near the Town of Ashburton in the County of
3. Are you a British Subject?	3. Yes
4. What is your Age?	4. 26 Years 11 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. Electrician
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and good reason for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where?	6. No

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your apprenticeship expire?	7. Yes Wm Ad C
8. Are you Married?	8. No
9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power?	9. No
10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what unit and Corps?	10. No
*11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge?	11. No
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service?	12. Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?	13. No
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	14. Yes
15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?	15. Yes
16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?	16. Yes (Name R E Mahon) (Corps R.P.R)
17. Are you [illegible]	17. Yes

You will be required to serve for one day with the colours and the remainder of the period in the Army Reserve until such time as you may be called up by orders of the Army Council.

I, Frederick Norman Birch do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Frederick Norman Birch — SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT

R Mahon — Signature of Witness

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION

Frederick Norman Birch do make Oath, that I will be faithful and true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, [illegible] and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all [illegible] and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers [illegible] So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

[illegible] above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he [illegible] to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

[illegible] were then read to the recruit in my presence.

[illegible] that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly [illegible], and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me.

[illegible] on this 4th day of Sept 1914.

Signature of the Justice A. S. Pain

[illegible] of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make [illegible] alteration under Section 3 (5), Army Act.

[illegible] to receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2[illegible].

Description of Frederick Norman Sydney **on Enlistment**

Apparent Age 25 years 11 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 feet 8½ inches

Weight 144½ lbs.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 inches. Range of expansion ____ inches.

Complexion Fresh

Eyes Grey

Hair Brown

Religious denomination:
- Church of England Yes
- Presbyterian
- Wesleyan
- Baptist or Congregationalist
- Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated)
- Roman Catholic
- Jewish

Distinctive Marks, and marks indicating previous disease or previous disease.
(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that this recruit has before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to pay pro service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the approving officer.)

Scar over appendix

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him * fit for the Army.

Date 7. 9. 1914

Place Sunderland

J H Gray
Medical Officer

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him * fit for service in the † G. S. Infantry RE and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 7. 9. 1914

Place Sunderland

M. Moore Capt
Recruiting Officer

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."
† Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

*Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly taken, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve of his enlistment in the † G. S. Infantry - RE

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B 200 (or other authority for the enlistment) is attached to the original attestation.

Date 7. 9. 1914

Place Sunderland

M. Moore

* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

The Hetton Coal Company, Limited.

Hetton Colliery.

Hetton - le - Hole.

June 1st 1911.

" To Whom it may concern. "

This is to certify that F. Birch has served his apprenticeship at the above Colliery as an Electrician and I have pleasure in stating that He is a steady, sober, and first class workman very attentive to his Duties.

Yours Faithfully.

J. T. Simpson.

Engineer.

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The Lambton and Hetton Collieries. Limited.

Hetton Engine Works,

Hetton - le - Hole.

September 7th 1914.

" To Whom it may concern "

This is to certify that F. Birch has been employed as charge Electrician at the above Collieries for the past 4 years during which time he has given every satisfaction. He is capable and energetic and I feel sure he will give his full time and attention to his duties.

Yours Faithfully.

W. B. Gordon.

Chief Electrician.

Hetton Collieries.

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The Lambton and Hetton Collieries, Limited.

Hetton - le - Hole.

September 7th 1914.

[illegible] Whom it may concern "

[illegible] that Frederick Birch has been employed [illegible] Electrician for about 10 years and [illegible] found him to be of good [illegible]

V

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 512 82 Name Frederick [illegible]

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Date	Deductions for service forfeited to reckon for taking the rate of Pension		Service to be deducted not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of [illegible]
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from				7.9.14					
Joined as Sapper				7.9.14					
R.E.	DEPOT	APPROVED	Sapr	7.9.14					I client for MAJOR O.C. DEPOT CO. R.E.
-"-	6th Prov Coy	Electrician Proficient of [illegible]	-"-	7.9.14					[illegible] CAPT. R.E. O/C 4th PROV. COY. R.E.
-"-	23rd Coy	Transferred [illegible] No. 461 [illegible] 23.10.14 By R.E.O.	-"-	23.10.14					[illegible] CAPT. R.E. O/C 4th PROV. COY. R.E.
		Promoted [illegible] dated Aug 17 1915	to Cpl. 2 Cpl	6.12.1914 14.8.1915					[illegible]
		[illegible]		1.11.1[illegible]					[illegible]
		[illegible]	Sergt	[illegible]					[illegible]
		Prisoner of war C.C. from [illegible]		[illegible]					
		[illegible]							
2nd Company [illegible] Regt. [illegible]		[illegible]							[illegible] Lieut. for Colonel i/c R.E. Records
		[illegible]							
		Total Service forfeited as above							

Towards Engagement to ..... (date of discharge) ..... years

Pension

[illegible] TOWARDS FORT RECORDS

Royal Engineers Record Office.

C H A T H A M .

25 September 1918

Sir,

Re No.51282 Sergeant F.N.Birch, R.E.

I regret tohave toinform you that a War Office letter has been received stating through an official German List, that your Son Died on the 5th.March 1918 from a penetrating Shot Wound in the back.

Seeing that a post card has been received from your Son dated 18-4-18, there seems to be some error.

Will you please inform this Office if you have received any communication from him later than the post card dated 18-4-18.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.R.E.
for Colonel i/c R.E.Records.

Mrs.M.A.Birch.
28, Station Rd,
Heston-le-Hole,
DURHAM.

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9th Nov 1918.

Dear Sir,

re 5/282 Gnr F.H. Birch R.Engrs

In mine 2nd inst I wrote you to say that received word from the International Red X Agency for Prisoners of War that the lists sent out from Berlin 25-9-18 reported the death & buried at the Military Cemetery in Turcoing of the above mentioned Soldier. Not having received reply I shall be glad to know if you have received the same

Yours faithfully
Moody M. Birch

Colonel
i/c R.E. Records
Chatham