

In Memory of

Private

# Henry C. Monks

18/1222, 18th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 01 July 1916 Age 34

Son of John Monks, of Durham, and the late E. Monks; husband of Isabella Monks, of 6, West View, Ferryhill, Co. Durham. A hairdresser.

Remembered with Honour

**Thiepval Memorial**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

### Great War Ancestor – Record of research

Surname	MONKS
Forenames	Henry Charles
Home address	6 West View, Ferryhill
Regiment	18 Bn Durham Light Infantry
Notes	A hairdresser

### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website

Rank	Private
Age at death	34
Date of death	1 July 1916
Service Number	18/1222
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave/Memorial no	
Additional Information	Son of John Monks of Durham and the late E. Monks; husband of Isabella Monks of 6 West View, Ferryhill, Co. Durham. A hairdresser.

### Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19

Place of birth	Durham, (St margarets or St Giles)
Place of enlistment	Cockenhall, Fence Houses, Co. Durham,
Death	France + Flanders <span style="float: right;">KIA</span>
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	yes	Service Records
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### War Diary (TNA WO 95/xxxx)

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### Local Newspaper

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### Biographical Information

Birth	1882
Baptism	
1901 Census (RG 13/xxxx)	
1911 Census (RG14/xxx)	North Road, Hutton-le-Hole
Electoral register, 1 January 1915	

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Notes

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

Name:	<b>Henry Charles Monks</b>
Birth Place:	Durham
Residence:	Hetton-le-hole, Co. Durh
Death Date:	1 Jul 1916
Death Place:	France and Flanders
Enlistment Place:	Cockenhall, Fence Houses, Co. Durham
Rank:	Private
Regiment:	Durham Light Infantry
Battalion:	18th Battalion
Regimental Number:	18/1222
Type of Casualty:	Killed in action
Theatre of War:	Western European Theatre
Other Records:	<b>Search for 'Henry Charles Monks' in other WWI collections</b>

**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.







No. 2

to be put to the Recruit before

- 1. What is your Name? ... 1. Stuart
- 2. What is your full Address? ... 2. 11 ...
- 3. Are you a British Subject? ... 3. Yes
- 4. What is your Age? ... 4. 21 Years 0 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... 5. None
- 6. Are you Married? ... 6. No
- 7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Army (Force, naval or military, if not, which)? ... 7. None
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... 8. Yes
- 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... 9. Yes
- 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... 10. None { Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Corps: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions (provided His Majesty should so long require your services)?  
For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all conveniences. If employed with Hospitals, Depots, Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. ... 11. Yes

I, the undersigned, 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.

Stuart SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT  
Signature of Recruit

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Stuart, swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
The above questions were then read in the Recruit in my presence.  
I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me on this 11th day of February 1917.  
Signature of C. Justice W. J. ...

Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and sign on him to the effect that he is enlisted by special authority, Army Form B, 203 (or other authority or instrument) will be attached to the original attestation.  
Date 11th February 1917  
Place Coedon Hall Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
‡ Here insert the "Corps" or "Unit" the Recruit has been enlisted.

\* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him accompanied by a receipt, as follows, etc. (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ on the (Date) \_\_\_\_\_



TION SUPP

Name and Address Isabella, Monks  
Wotton, W. State Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Particulars as to Marriage.

1a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. 1b) Place and date of marriage.  
1c) Present address. 1d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

1a	1b	1c	1d
<u>Isabella Monks</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>18</u>

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
<u>William Macnechob</u>	<u>30<sup>th</sup> June 1904</u>
<u>John</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> July 1906</u>

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for living the rate of Pension	Service allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay	Signature of Officers verifying correctness of entries.
					years   days	years   days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____							<u>Monks</u>
Joined at _____ on _____							
Total Service forfeited as above							
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ day							
Pension _____ 1 <sup>st</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 1916							



Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form 121

W. P. Gilchrist & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.  
 (Total Width 11 1/2 In. 12 Lines 48 5/8)

Form 121

Regiment of

Number of Sheets

Signature of O. C. Company

*W. H. Bruce*  
*Capt.*

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Grade		Good Conduct Badges, Service Day or Proficiency Pay	
No.		Age on	32 years 6 months				
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion			
Joined	Date						
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colors years	Place of Birth			
Joined	Date		with Reserve years				

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case or Description	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or expiration of punishment	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				no Entry Richmond Camp 16. 11. 15					

To be filled over

Army Form B. 121

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To:-  
The Principal Assistant Secretary,  
Imperial War Graves Commission,  
25, Baker Street, London, W.1.

Re:- The Late No. 1222 Private H.O. SOMES.  
10th. Bn. The Buffs Light Infantry.

With reference to your letter X. 2. / 3004 dated the 15th. instant, relative to the above named deceased soldier, I have to inform you that no official report of burial has been received in this office.

Perusal of the War Diaries pertaining to the 10th. Battalion, The Buffs Light Infantry, show it to have been located at SOMERSET on the 26th. June, 1916, leaving the same day for the "Front Line".

I forward herewith, for your information, extract from the War Diary above referred to:-

1-7-1916. Beginning of "Battle of SOMES".

Objective of 10th. Bn. B.L.I. "Line running South East of SOMES".

4-7-1916. Battalion relieved by Worcester Regiment, and moved to LEWESBURG.

10th.  
12-1-1916.  
10.

Captain,  
for Colonel,  
1/0 Infantry Records.

13/C.2/238/E.

A.D/3

Reference: Y./56916.

18th March, 1922.

The Officer in Charge,  
No. 1 Record Office,  
No. 5 District,  
York.

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1222 Pte. H.C. Monks,  
18th Bn. D.L.I.  
1st July, 1916.

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As the grave of the above mentioned has not been registered in this office, and no particulars other than the above are known can you give any details of death or burial which might help to trace it, please?

It would be of considerable assistance if you would state the area in which the unit was operating on 1st July, 1916.

*C. P. J. - 1914*  
for principal assistant secretary.

Imperial War Graves Commission,  
82, Baker Street,  
London, W.1.



Regiment DUNHAM LIGHT INFTRY.

Army Form W. 5090.

To be filled in by  
Officer in Charge of  
Records.

**STATEMENT of the Names and Addresses of all the Relatives of the above-named deceased Soldier in each of the degrees specified below that are now living.**

Note—Against those degrees of relationship in which there is no relative now living the word "none" is to be inserted. If the address is not filled in, such correspondence and delay may be occasioned by the post.

Degree of relationship	NAME IN FULL of every relative now living in each degree required for (see note above).	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving relative—opposite his or her name.	
Widow of the Soldier ...	<i>Isabella Monks</i>	<i>6 West View Carrington</i>	
Children of the Soldier and dates of their births...	<i>William 30/6.1904</i> <i>John 12/8/1904</i> <i>Robert 12/8/1904</i> <i>Henry 22/2/1904</i>	<i>" " " "</i>	
Father of the Soldier ...	<i>John Monks</i>	<i>Shearman House, Howden</i>	
Mother of the Soldier ...	<i>deceased</i>		
Brothers of the Soldier	Full Blood ...	<i>William 48</i> <i>John 44</i>	<i>South. Bank</i> <i>not known</i>
	Half blood ...		
Sisters of the Soldier	Full blood ...	<i>Minnie 45</i> <i>Sophie 43</i> <i>Martha 39</i> <i>Alice 36</i>	<i>14 W. on Junction</i> <i>South. Bank</i> <i>13 W. on</i> <i>Howden</i>
	Half blood ...		

If no Relatives in the degrees above are now living the following particulars should be given:—

	Names of those now living.	Address in full.
Grandparents of the Soldier ...	<i>None</i>	
Nephews and Nieces of the Soldier ...		
Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Soldier (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage) ...		

**DECLARATION.**

I hereby declare that the above is a true and complete Statement of all the Relatives of the late Soldier now living in the degrees required for.

Signature of the Declarant: *I. Monks*  
Relationship to the Soldier: *Widow*  
Address in full: *6 West View Carrington*

I hereby certify that the above Statement and Declaration made by *I. Monks* and signed in my presence is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated at *Ferryhill* this *19th* day of *May* 191*9*  
Signature of Minister or Magistrate: *Henry Hill*  
Qualification: *Minister of Police*  
Address: *The Manx Ferryhill Co. Durham*

16-491-10400/1155-4-250,000 J. I. E. & Co. L.M.-Form B. 103.

Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form-Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY (COUNTY.)

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 32, or in other official documents. The substance to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 32, or other official documents.
		<i>Embarked</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>8-12-15</i>	
		<i>Disembarked</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>24-12-15</i>	
		<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>5-4-16</i>	
		<i>do</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>11-8-16</i>	
12-7-16	O.C.Bn.	Killed in Action	do	1-7-16	B. 213. <i>LL</i>
					<i>LL</i> Captain for Major, 1/c New Army Infantry Section No. 2. O.C. 1st Bn. 1st Division.

73 JUL 1916

(N 19) W 7112 10,000 5/18 H W V/P 803/11 E, 15/744

Effects—Form 118A.

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Officer in charge of *Infantry* Records,  
*York.*

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Park Building,  
St. James's Park,  
London, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,  
PARK BUILDINGS,  
ST. JAMES'S PARK,  
LONDON, S.W.,

*12<sup>th</sup> October 1916.*

*L. 234368 71* (Accounts 4.)

Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late  
*No. 15/1222 Private Henry Charles Monk, 18<sup>th</sup> Bn.*  
should be despatched to:— *Durham Light Infantry.*

*Mr Isabella Monk, Mrs Monk  
29, Windsor Avenue,  
Ferryhill,  
County Durham.*

Any medals granted to possession or that may hereafter be received by you should be forwarded to:—

*County Durham.  
the same person*

*Medals to him*

BRITISH WAR MEDAL  
VICTORY MEDAL

1914-15 STAR

*Chambers*

Assistant Financial Secretary.

*J.O.S.*



22 5). W17936-8107 20,000 2/16 HWV(F1459/1) H16/1914  
19402-112532 20,000/- 11/16

F. 3.—Form 501.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
45, Grosvenor Road,  
London, S.W.,  
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,  
45, GROSVENOR ROAD,  
LONDON, S.W.,  
10 JAN 1917  
68  
18 JAN 1917  
YORK

No. 924 Durham (F. 3A, Rev.)

13<sup>th</sup> January 1917

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the widow of No. 18/1222  
Pvt H. C. Moulton  
18<sup>th</sup> Durham L.I.

has been awarded a Pension of 27/- a week, for herself  
and five children, with effect from the 20. 1. 17

The Officer issuing Separation Allowance has been informed of the Award.

The Pension will be paid from the Central Army Pension Issue Office

The certificates received in support of the application have been returned to the widow.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C Harris  
Assistant Financial Secretary.

Secretary  
The Officer in charge of Records,  
YORK

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Infantry Record Office,  
YORK, 16TH. Oct: 1918.

Madam,

Under instructions received from the War Office, I  
do hereby forward herewith the effects of the late No. 1222, Pte.  
H. G. Monk, 18th. Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.

Please sign the receipt at the foot hereof, AND  
RETURN THIS LETTER.

I would point out that these effects are the only  
articles of personal property that have been recovered and  
forwarded to this office.

Should any further effects come to hand at a  
later date, they will be immediately forwarded on to you.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

*W. Whitehead*

1/c. Infantry Records, York.

1/c. Infantry Records,  
16, Colchester,

To:-

Mrs. I. Monk,  
29 Windsor Avenue,  
Perryhill,  
S.W. LONDON.

To:-

The Officer 1/c. Infantry Records,  
Government House,  
Bootham,  
YORK.

RECEIVED the effects referred to above.

(Signature) *W. Whitehead*

(Date) *16/10/18*

Army Form B. 178.

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.  
 Army Form B. 178<sup>A</sup> to be used for Special Reserv. recruits  
 and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Woods Christian Name Henry Charles

TABLE L—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish St Margaret, Buxton County Buxton

Examined .. .. . on 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1911  
 at .. .. .

Declared Age .. .. . 27 years 9 months 10 days

Trade or Occupation .. .. .

Height .. .. . 5 feet, 6 inches.

Weight .. .. . 140 lbs.

Chest Measurement { 31 inches.  
 (Girth when fully expanded)  
 Range of Expansion .. .. . inches.

Physical Development .. .. . Good

Vaccination Marks { Right Left  
 (Arm .. .. .)  
 Number .. .. .

When Vaccinated .. .. . Infancy

Vision .. .. . { R.E.—V = 6-6  
 L.E.—V = 6-6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease .. .. . (a) None

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection .. .. . (b) None

Approved by .. (Signature) [Signature]  
 (Rank) [Rank]

Medical Officer

Enlisted .. .. . at Post Office 2<sup>nd</sup> St House  
 on 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1911

Corps	Regt. No.
<u>14<sup>th</sup> Service Bn R.L. Coy</u>	<u>12</u>

Transferred to .. .. .

Became non-effective by .. .. .

(Signature) .. .. . on .. .. . day of .. .. . 1911  
 (Rank) .. .. .

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P.T.O.



# The Durham Light Infantry

## Battalions of the Regular Army

### 18th (Service) Battalion (1st County)

This and other battalions (below) often known by the name of the *Durham Pals*.

Formed at Cocken Hall in County of Durham on 10 September 1914 by Col. R. Burdon and a committee. Moved in December to Fencehouses, then back to Cocken Hall in February 1915 and to Fencehouses again in March.

May 1915 : moved to Cramlington then Ripon, came under orders of 93rd Brigade in 31st Division. Went to Fovant in September.

6 December 1915 : sailed from Liverpool for Egypt, arriving Port Said on 21 December. Went on to France, arriving 11 March 1916.

## The 31st Division in 1914-1918

### The history of 31st Division

On 10 December the War Office authorised the formation of the Fifth New Army. Like the other Kitchener Armies, it comprised six Divisions, in this case numbered 37 to 42. What eventually became 31st Division was originally numbered 38th. In April 1915, the original Fourth New Army was broken up and its units converted for training and draft-finding purposes. When this took place the Fifth New Army became Fourth New Army and its Divisions were renumbered to 30th - 35th: thus what we remember as 31st Division was born.



The Division was largely comprised of locally raised units often known as "Pals". The units from Accrington, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley and Hull are among the best known of all 1914-raised infantry, simply because of the amount of research and publicity they have received, particularly since the 1980s. It was a predominantly Northern Division, with most units originating in Lancashire or Yorkshire - hence the use of the red and white roses in the Divisional symbol.

On 16 December 1914, two Companies of the 18th (Service) Bn (1st County), the Durham Light Infantry became the first troops of the New Armies to come under enemy fire, when they were manning the trenches of the Tyne and Tees defences which were shelled by the German ships Derfflinger, Von Der Tann and Blucher. After in most cases commencing training near home, the units were moved to concentrate at South Camp at Ripon in April and May 1915. There were



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severe shortages of arms, ammunition and much equipment. It was not until September that the Division moved for final training and firing practice at Fovant on Salisbury Plain.

In late November 1915 the Division received a warning order to prepare to sail for France. Advance parties began to depart. But on 2 December final orders were received that the Division would go to Egypt, accompanied by the artillery of 32nd Division. Its own artillery would join 32nd Division in France. The advanced parties were recalled and the Division sailed from 7 December, with Divisional HQ being established at Port Said on Christmas Eve. The last units arrived in Egypt on 23 January 1916.

### **1916**

The Division took over the No 3 Sector of the Suez Canal defences and Divisional HQ moved to Kantara on 23 January. The stay in Egypt was short, and between 1-6 March the Division sailed to Marseilles for service on the Western Front. The 31st Division subsequently remained in France and Flanders and took part in these actions:

The Battle of Albert (1–13 July 1916, comprised the first two weeks of Anglo-French offensive operations in the Battle of the Somme) including the attack on Serre