

102: Joseph Buckle

Basic Information [as recorded on local memorial or by CWGC]

Name as recorded on local memorial or by CWGC: Joseph Buckle

Rank: Private

Battalion / Regiment: Pembroke Yeomanry / 13th Bn. East Lancashire Regiment

Service Number: 33252 Date of Death: 23 August 1918 Age at Death: 19

Buried / Commemorated at: Outtersteene Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul, Outtersteene
 Departement du Nord, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France

Additional information given by CWGC: None

Joseph Buckle was born in Yorkshire, a son of David and Elizabeth Buckle. The connection between Burton/Puddington and Joseph, or his family, has not been established although it is quite possible that Joseph moved to the area, as did several others around this time, to work in agriculture.

In the 1891 census David Buckle, single, 19, was a farm servant in Towthorpe nr York; by 1901 he was married to Elizabeth and, with their family (all born in the Leeds district), was living at Garforth, between Leeds and Tadcaster:

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 58				
Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet				
Garforth		Garforth						Tadcaster		Tadcaster		Garforth				
Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Uninhabited	In Occup. by	Part in Occup. by	Part in Occup. by	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb	(2) Blind	(3) Lunatic	(4) Imbecile, feeble-minded	
Beech Grove Av 1					David Buckle	Head	29	Quarryman and (Quarry)	Worker		York: Dinnington					
					Elizabeth	Wife	28				Thorp Arch					
					Elsie	Daughter	11				Thorp Arch					
					Lucy	Daughter	3				Healaugh					
					Joseph	Son	2				Boston Spa					
					Walter	Son	7 months				Garforth					
					Joseph Simpson	Boarder	53	boarder, gardener, jobbing			Garforth					

1901 census (extract) – Beech Grove Avenue, Garforth, Tadcaster

David Buckle	29	quarry man (stone)	born Dinnington, Yorks.
Elizabeth	28		born Thorp Arch, Yorks.
Elsie	11		born Thorp Arch, Yorks.
Lucy	3		born Healaugh, Yorks.
Joseph	2		born Boston Spa, Yorks.
Walter	7 months		born Garforth, Yorks.
Joseph Simpson	53	boarder, gardener, jobbing	born Garforth, Yorks.

Although details are sparse, tragedy appears to have struck the family; it appears that David may have died, aged 31, in the Wharfedale region in early 1904. Elizabeth has not been located in the 1911 census - no record of her death has been found although it is possible that she remarried ¹ - but the children were not with her, with the youngest three being in care-homes.

¹ For example, an Elizabeth Buckle married: James Carr, in Thirsk, in 1907 ; Thomas H Goodrun in Hull in 1908 ; Fred Brown in Bramley in 1916

The eldest child, Elsie Buckle, aged 21 in 1911, was recorded as a housemaid at 21 Victoria Avenue, Harrogate but Lucy, aged 13, was in the Waifs and Strays Home at Meanwood, Leeds.

Joseph, 11, and Walter, 10, were together in the Church of England Cottage Home for Little Boys (known also as the Penraevon Home for Boys, opened on 1 April 1903) on High Street, Boston Spa, Yorkshire. The Home closed in 1919 when its lease on the house expired.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
Sophia Arthur	Matron	49	Single						Matron of Waifs & Strays	Church of Eng.			Yorkshire Eng. Home		
Elizabeth Arthur	Ass. Matron	73	Widow						Ass. " " " "	Waifs & Strays Society			Yorkshire Penraevon		
William Thompson	Sanitary	12	Schoolboy						590				" Bolton		
Joseph Buckle	"	11	"										" Helmsley		←
Walter Buckle	"	10	"										" Walton		←

(To be filled up by the Examiner)				(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Chief Resident Officer or other person in occupation or in charge of the Institution)			
	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL				
Total of page 4							
Total of page 5							
Total of page 6							
Total of page 7							
Total of page 1 to 4	16	2	18				

Kind of Building (as Visitor's House, Fever Ward, Hospital, Quarters, &c.)	Number of Rooms	Population		
		Males	Females	Total
Cottage Home for Little Boys Church of England Waifs & Strays Society	27	16	2	18

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

Signature: Sophia Arthur
 Postal Address: "Penraevon" Boston Spa
 Yorks

Elsie may have married Harry Dickinson at St John the Evangelist Church, Selby, in late 1915.

From his meagre army records (his Service Records have not been found) Joseph Buckle was recorded as having been born in Hull, enlisted in Chester (when he gave his place of residence as Boroughbridge, Yorkshire) had served previously with the Pembroke Yeomanry (Service N^o. 290567) and had started his army career with the Welsh Regiment (Service N^o. 73467). He was recorded as having been killed in action.

The 13th (Service) East Lancs. Regiment was formed in At Ormer, France, on 11 June 1918 as the 8th Garrison Guard Battalion and became the 13th (Garrison) Battalion before being renamed on 13 July 1918. On 11 June 1918 they were placed under the command of the 119th Brigade in the 40th Division and saw action in The Fourth Battle of Ypres and Final Advance in Flanders - Joseph was killed on 23 August 1918 so his death does not appear to be related directly to these two actions.

The inscription on the Burton memorial, ascribing Joseph Buckle to the Pembroke Yeomanry, fails to recognise that he had transferred to the 13th Bn. East Lancashire Regiment and was serving with that unit when he died.

[Note: a different individual, also named Joseph Buckle, with Service Number 7062, is recorded as both a Warrant Officer Class 2 and as a Company Sergeant Major. He, too, served with the East Lancashire Regiment. (<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/>)]

The War Diary of the 13th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment gives some detail of when Joseph Buckle was killed in action, together with precise details of their location:

21/8/18 B^N moved by route march to MORBECQUE and occupied camp at D20696 Sheet 36^aNE (7^B local) ¹/₂₀₀₀₀ arriving at 9 pm
 22/8/18 B^N left camp at Morbecque at 5 pm arriving at Grand Lec Bois at 7.15 pm where they halted till 8.30 pm owing to the intense heat; tea was provided. B^N moved off to VIEUX BERQUIN went into the line and relieved the 24th B^N. R. WELCH FUS and occupied the position approximately F20 C1.1 - F21 C1.4 - F21 a 5.5 CUTLET CORNER B COY on right, C Coy on left A and D in support, D Coy at LABIS FARM F13 B and A Coy E18 d. B^N H.Q. ~~TERN FARM E17 B~~ MOLEGHEIN F^M. E10c Complete by 2.20 am.

VIEUX BERQUIN 23/8/18 On the morning of the 23rd it was decided to move B^N H.Q. to TERN FARM E17 b owing to assistance from front line and the advance of the right front Coy. to a position 600Y line F26 b5.5 - F21 c2.5 to conform with a forward movement of the 13th R. Lancs (?) BN. on our right. During the advance 2nd Lieut SEFTON was killed, the support Coys coming under heavy shell fire. Rations were dumped at B^N. H.Q. support Coys carried. LIEUT Colonel Johnson R.B., D.S.O. assumed command of the 119th Inf Bde to enable the Brigadier to proceed on leave. Major S. Tabor assumed command of the B^N. CT

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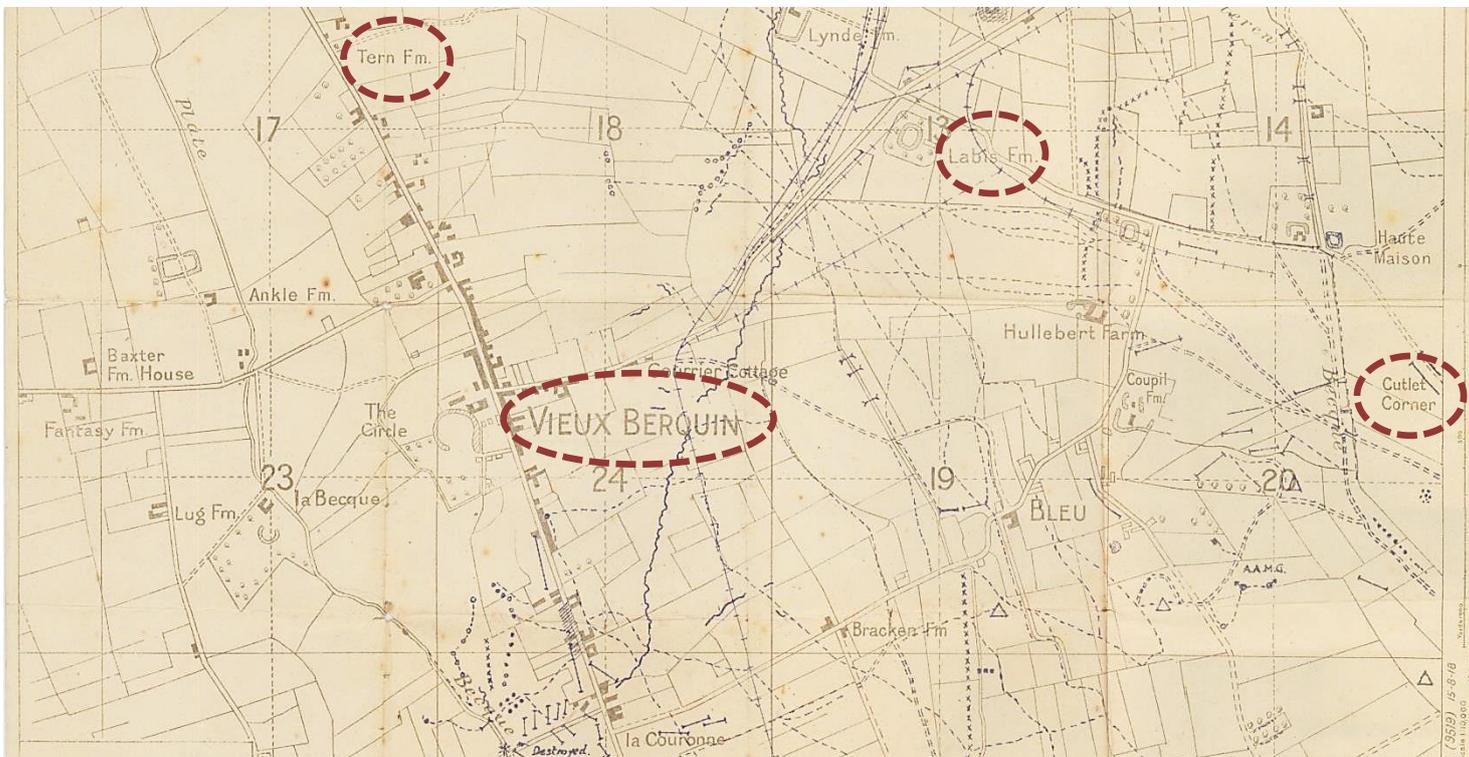
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Following this action, the 13th Battalion was relieved on the night of 25/26 August by the 12th Battalion North Staffs Regiment and the 13th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment moved into a reserve position.

The WWI Service Medal and Award Rolls, 1914-1920, (British War Medal and Victory Medal) records Joseph's Buckle's service with three regiments.

East Lancashire Regiment					
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and					
On 11/11/18 or on becoming non-effective		NAME	Unit previously served with. Regtl. No. and Rank in same on entry into theatre of war	From	To
Regtl. No.	Rank				
33252	Pte	BUCKLE Joseph	2/1st Pembroke Yeos.		
			290587		
			1/6th Welsh Regt.		
			73467		
			13th East Lancs.		
			33252 Pte		



Military map of Labis Farm area [36a.NE.2], August 16, 1918

This map represents the area one week before Joseph Buckle was killed in action. On this map, corrected to this date, the German trenches and positions are represented in blue. Some of the locations noted in the War Diary for 13th Bn. East Lancashire Regiment for the period 22 - 24 August 1918 are encircled in red. The village of Morbecque, recorded in the War Diary, lies about 8.5km due west of Vieux Berquin.

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			Pass-Camp	Del ^l				" Lucy	2	3	7
			France	or				" Gladys	2	3	7
			Belgh					Pro. Walter	2	3	7

Inclusion war 1918

Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929

In Summer 1919 the army paid outstanding credits – mainly remaining wages – to soldiers or, in the case of those who had died, their family or nominated representatives. At the same time a War Gratuity was often paid. In August 1919 four of Joseph’s siblings (Elsie, Lucy, Gladys and Walter) received a payment (which appears to have included the war Gratuity) of £8 14s 5d. This is equivalent to a *labour value* (wages) of around £1350 in 2016.

The War Gratuity was introduced in December 1918 as a payment to be made to those men who had served in WW1 for a period of 6 months or more home service or for any length of service if a man had served overseas. The rules governing the gratuity were implemented under Army Order 17 of 1919 but the amount paid was related to the length of war service.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BUCKLE	E. Lan. R.	Sgt.	33252
	Pembroke Yeo		290567
	Welsh. R.		73467
Joseph			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	H/1102135	1238	
BRITISH			
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

No one by the name of Buckle was recorded as living in Neston or Burton in the 1939 Register (29 September).

British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920