

Charles Henry James Meek

Born Drybrook 1882, killed 12/4/1918 serving as a private with the Northumberland Fusiliers attached to the 149th Light Trench Mortar Battery.

Included is a copy of covers of his bible which was returned to his wife and children after his death.

Nigel Marshall

Great grandson to C H J Meek



I HEREBY PLEDGE my allegiance to the Lord
Jesus Christ as my Saviour and King, by God's help
to fight His battles, and bring Victory to His Kingdom.

Name *Beatrice Ince*

Regiment and No.

Home Address

Date

18/6/18
21st Nov
Worcestershire
1st Bn

LOD ROBERT'S MESSAGE

20 Nov 1918
I am your loyal servant
and will do all in my power
to help you in your work.
You will find me at the
Bank, and I will be at your
side.

Mr. C. H. Ince
27 North St. Worcester



X H. C. C.
17 Nov 1918
Sealed at the Principal Printing Press
Worcester, Worcester.

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The historian has confirmed the following. CHJ Meek volunteered into the 27th NF (4th Tyneside Irish) and was sent to France in 1915. As with many he was wounded on the first day of the Battle of the Somme and was hospitalised.

After convalescing he was assigned to the 25th NF (2nd Tyneside Irish) where he served until wounded again in 1917. Due to the heavy losses of the TI Btn many soldiers were reassigned to other duties and CHJ Meek was again transferred into the 1/4th NF assigned to the 149th Light Trench Mortar Battery where he served until his death in April 1918.

He survived his brother Francis Reginald Meek of the 171st Tunnelling Company by one year who was killed in action in 1917. FR Meek originally volunteered to the 1st Monmouthshire Regiment however was drafted into the Royal Engineers due to his skills gained as a miner in the Forest Of Dean, as were several generations before them.

There are a number of books available on the miners drafted in to Tunnelling Companies from the Forest of Dean due to their specialist skills if interested people can check out the The Long, Long Trail Website.