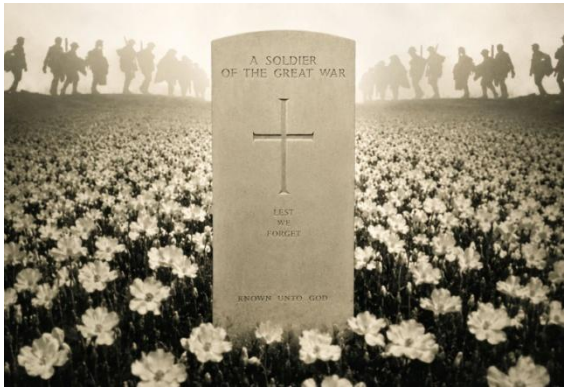






Frank Benjamin King

1892 – 1917

Civilian Research

Field Name	Field Data	Source of data
Casualty Name	F B King Frank Benjamin King	Students' research – he was left off original memorials Medal Card (Ancestry) 1911 census and baptism entry
Date of Birth	1892 in Tottenham Baptism 15/1/1893 St Mark, Noel Park, Wood Green	GRO (FMP) Students say he was born in Northwood (he lived there in 1911) but in the 1901 and 1911 census both say he was born in Tottenham Baptism (Ancestry)
Date of Death	8/12/1917	CWGC
Age at death	25	CWGC

Marital Status		
Children (if any)		
Occupation prior to Call up	Middlesex County Council, Finance Dept (he was already working there in 1911 aged 18)	Students' research 1911 census
Parents	Son of Alfred William and Agnes Eliza King, of 4421 Pine St, Central Park, New Westminster, British Columbia	CWGC
Listed Address(s)	Church Road, Northwood Tottenham	1911 census 1901 census
Parents /Fathers occupation	Grocer, shopkeeper	1911 census
Brothers and Sisters	Herbert (older), Edward (older), Ruth (younger), Ernest (younger), Stephen (younger), Helen (younger)	1911 census
Years at John Lyon School		
University (if any)		
Obituary		
Additional sources of data		
War Memorials:	Middlesex Guildhall War Memorial as F B King – see below	https://www.londonremembers.com/memorials/middlesex-guildhall-war-memorial
	Northwood War Memorial as FB King	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/2196
	He was left off the JLS memorials	

Military Research

JLS WWI RoH	King F B
CWGC Reference	https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/647339/f-b-king/
Age	25
DoD	08-Dec-17
Rank	Sjt
Regiment	London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles) 2nd/16th Bn
Organisations must have served or have members who served in the Ypres Salient or the Somme in World War One.	
Location	JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY -Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)
CWGC in process of uploading image of headstomes which will give us his age, hopefully.	Service # 550664 Son of Alfred William and Agnes Eliza King, of 4421, Pine St., Central Park, New Westminster, British Columbia. Serjeant Frank B. King (Service Number 550664, formerly 2809) was born in 1892 in Paddington, London, England.He was killed in action on December 8, 1917, at the age of 25 during the Battle of Jerusalem in Palestine (modern-day Israel/Palestine). He was serving with the 2nd/16th Battalion of the London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles). Serjeant King was killed on the rocky, terraced ridges just outside the western outskirts of Jerusalem. On December 8, 1917, his battalion was ordered to launch a major assault against heavily fortified Ottoman defensive positions on the strategic heights overlooking the Holy City. The Allied objective was to drive the Ottoman forces out and capture Jerusalem. The attack was executed under horrific weather conditions, including thick mountain fog, freezing rain, and mud. As the Queen's Westminster Rifles advanced up the steep, boulder-strewn terraces, they were met with fierce Ottoman machine-gun and artillery resistance. King was killed during this intense final push. The sacrifice of men like King ultimately succeeded; the Ottoman forces retreated that night, and Jerusalem surrendered to British forces the following morning.

Story of Sacrifice

Frank Benjamin King (1892 – 1917)

Frank Benjamin King (1892 – 1917) Frank Benjamin King was a prefect at John Lyon School and later worked in the Finance Department of Middlesex County Council before enlisting in the Queen's Westminster Rifles in 1914, where he rose to the rank of sergeant. Frank was killed in action in Palestine on 8 December 1917, aged 25.

Civilian Life

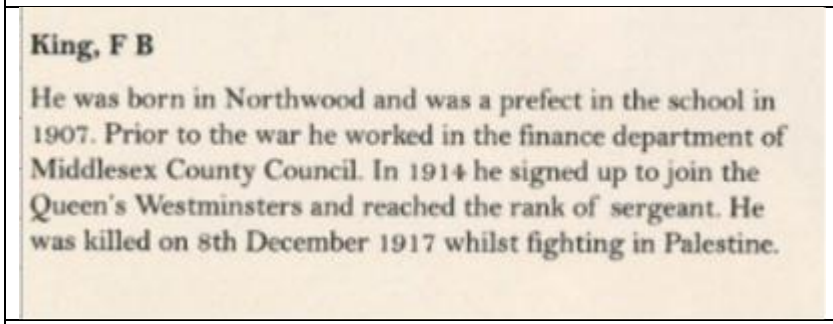
Frank was born in Tottenham in 1892 and was baptised on 15 January 1893 at St Mark's Church, Noel Park, Wood Green. He was the son of Alfred William and Agnes Eliza King, who had seven children: Herbert, Edward, Frank, Ruth, Ernest, Stephen and Helen, in age order. His father worked as a grocer and shopkeeper. Records from John Lyon School state that he was a prefect in 1907. By 1911, the family was living in Church Road, Northwood, and Frank, aged 18, was employed in the Finance Department of Middlesex County Council. His family moved to British Columbia, Canada, possibly after Frank joined the Army.

Military Life

In 1914, Frank King enlisted in the Queen's Westminster Rifles. He served with the 2nd/16th Battalion of the London Regiment and rose to the rank of Serjeant, serving his initial Territorial Service Number 2809 which changed to 550664 under a renumbering of the territorial force in 1917. King was serving in Palestine during the British advance on Jerusalem. On the 8th of December 1917, his battalion was ordered to launch a major assault against heavily fortified Ottoman defensive positions on the strategic heights overlooking the Holy City. The Allied objective was to drive the Ottoman forces out and capture Jerusalem. The attack was executed under horrific weather conditions, including thick mountain fog, freezing rain, and mud. As the Queen's Westminster Rifles advanced up the steep, boulder-strewn terraces, they were met with fierce Ottoman machine-gun and artillery resistance. King was killed during this intense final push. The sacrifice of men like King ultimately succeeded; the Ottoman forces retreated that night, and Jerusalem surrendered to British forces the following morning. The Battle of Jerusalem (17 November to 30 December 1917) was a pivotal battle which ended 400 years of Ottoman Rule over the Holy City British Prime Minister David Lloyd George had strictly ordered General Edmund Allenby to deliver the city's capture as a "Christmas present" for the British public to boost morale during a bleak phase on the Western Front.

Frank was buried at Jerusalem War Cemetery. His name is recorded on the Middlesex Guildhall War Memorial and the Northwood War Memorial. Although he had attended John Lyon School, he was not included on the school's original war memorials and was subsequently identified through research.

Notes and Clippings

From Centenary Lyonian researched by pupils 2014	
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Wrong he was born in Tottenham – see above under date of birth	
How did the students know this was the right one? https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/647339/f-b-king/ maybe something in an earlier magazine?	

Middlesex Guildhall War Memorial including F B King – lovely Arts & Crafts design

