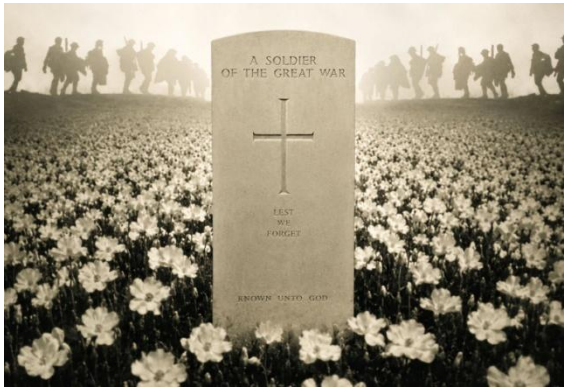






Lewis Theodor Sinclair Reid

1897 - 1914

Civilian Research

Field Name	Field Data	Source of data
Casualty Name	L T S Reid Lewis Theodor Sinclair Reid	School plaque CWGC
Date of Birth	27/1/1897, nb Bpt entry says 27/2/1897 Balham Baptised 14/4/1897 Trinity Presbyterian, Lambeth	Find a Grave (secondary source) and Bpt entry (different) Bpt register I'd trust the Baptism register as it's a primary source but ….
Date of Death (from Spreadsheet)	1/11/1914 Appears to have gone missing in battle of Messines Note: Army pension says on or since the 1/11/1914, and Death Presumed	CWGC See below

Age at death (from Spreadsheet	17	CWGC
Marital Status	No	
Children (if any)	No	
Occupation prior to Call up	Don't know	
Parents	Son of John and Annie Battley Reid, of 42, Sheepcote Rd., Harrow	CWGC
Listed Address(s)	In 1911 the family were living in Roxeth Hill, Harrow (Lewis was away at school, see below) In 1901 the family were living in Streatham	1911 census 1901 census
Parents /Fathers occupation	Accountant in exports business Mercentile Clerk	1911 census 1901 census
Brothers and Sisters	Mary M S Reid (died 1904), Norman Sinclair Reid (both older). Also John Reid who was born and died in 1890	1901 & 1911 census and Family tree on Ancestry Family tree on Ancestry
Years at John Lyon School	He was attending Magdalen College School in Brackley, Northamptonshire, when he was 14	1911 census
University (if any)		
Obituary	Have yet to find one	
Additional sources of data		
War Memorials:	John Lyon School, plaque, as LTS Reid	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/11204
	John Lyon School, sundial, as LTS Reid	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/11318
	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrow as Lewis T S Reid	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/250042
	Magdalen College School, Brackley - WW1 as Lewis Theodore (with an e) Sinclair Reid	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/15006
	Harrow on the Hill as LTS Reid	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/11092
	London Scottish WW1 memorial inside London Scottish House (have image of his name) as Pte LTS Reid	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/2867

Military Research

JLS WWI RoH	REID L.T.S.
CWGC Reference	https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1625794/reid,-lewis-theodor-sinclair/
Age	17
DoD	01-Nov-14
Rank	Pte
Regiment	London Regiment (London Scottish) 1st/14th Bn
	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Location	West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
Military details	Son of John and Annie Battley Reid, of 42, Sheepcote Rd., Harrow. Private Lewis Theodor Sinclair Reid (Service Number 2047) died on November 1, 1914, at the remarkably young age of 17. He served with "G" Company, 1st/14th Battalion of the London Regiment (London Scottish). Because his body was never recovered or identified in the chaos of early-war maneuver combat, Private Reid has no known grave. He is officially commemorated on the CWGC Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium (Panels 54 and 56).The specific action that claimed his life took place on the strategic high ground of Messines Ridge, south of Ypres, Belgium. He was killed in action during the famous Battle of Messines (part of the "Race to the Sea" and the First Battle of Ypres), which marked the historic combat debut of the London Scottish—the first Territorial infantry battalion to enter the firing line in WW1. On October 30–31, 1914, German forces launched a massive assault to break the Allied lines at Messines Ridge. Desperate for reinforcements, British command rushed the newly arrived London Scottish straight up to the ridge to fill a critical gap between the British cavalry units. Throughout Halloween night and into the early morning of November 1, 1914, Private Reid and his battalion were thrown into intense, hand-to-hand defensive fighting. They held off overwhelming numbers of German troops under relentless, close-range artillery shelling and sweeping machine-gun fire. Compounding the tragedy, the battalion was equipped with the notoriously unreliable Ross Rifle, which frequently jammed under rapid-fire conditions, forcing many soldiers to defend themselves with bayonets alone. When the battalion was finally ordered to withdraw from the ridge on November 1, nearly half of its fighting strength had been decimated. Private Reid was one of the many young soldiers cut down during this frantic, heroic stand to prevent a German breakthrough toward the Channel ports

Story of Sacrifice

Lewis Theodor Sinclair Reid (1897 – 1914)

Lewis Reid was a former John Lyon School captain, editor of the *Lyonian*, and talented cricketer before serving with the London Scottish. Aged just 17, he was reported missing and presumed killed during the fighting at Messines Ridge on 1 November 1914, and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial.

Civilian Life

Lewis was born in Balham in 1897 and was the son of John and Annie Reid. His father worked as an accountant in an exports business, and the family later lived in Harrow. Lewis was educated at Magdalen College School in Brackley and subsequently attended John Lyon School. He was a school captain and former editor of the *Lyonian* magazine. In 1913 scored 100 for the school cricket team, for which he was awarded a pewter tankard. Despite this, and perhaps somewhat harshly, he was not viewed as an amazing batsman and was criticised because of this.

Lewis was the **first former John Lyon pupil to fall in the First World War**. In 1920, the school established a Mathematics Prize in his memory.

Military Life

Lewis served as Private 2047 with "G" Company, 1st/14th Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish). He was 17 when his battalion entered the fighting in Belgium during the First Battle of Ypres. In late October and early November 1914, the London Scottish were committed to the fighting around Messines Ridge as German forces attacked the Allied positions. On October 30–31, 1914, German forces launched a massive assault to break the Allied lines at Messines Ridge. Desperate for reinforcements, British command rushed the newly arrived London Scottish straight up to the ridge to fill a critical gap between the British cavalry units. Throughout Halloween night and into the early morning of November 1, 1914, Private Reid and his battalion were thrown into intense, hand-to-hand defensive fighting. They held off overwhelming numbers of German troops under relentless, close-range artillery shelling and sweeping machine-gun fire. Compounding the tragedy, the battalion was equipped with the notoriously unreliable Ross Rifle, which frequently jammed under rapid-fire conditions, forcing many soldiers to defend themselves with bayonets alone. When the battalion was finally ordered to withdraw from the ridge on November 1, nearly half of its fighting strength had been decimated. Private Reid was one of the many young soldiers cut down during this frantic, heroic stand to prevent a German breakthrough toward the Channel ports.

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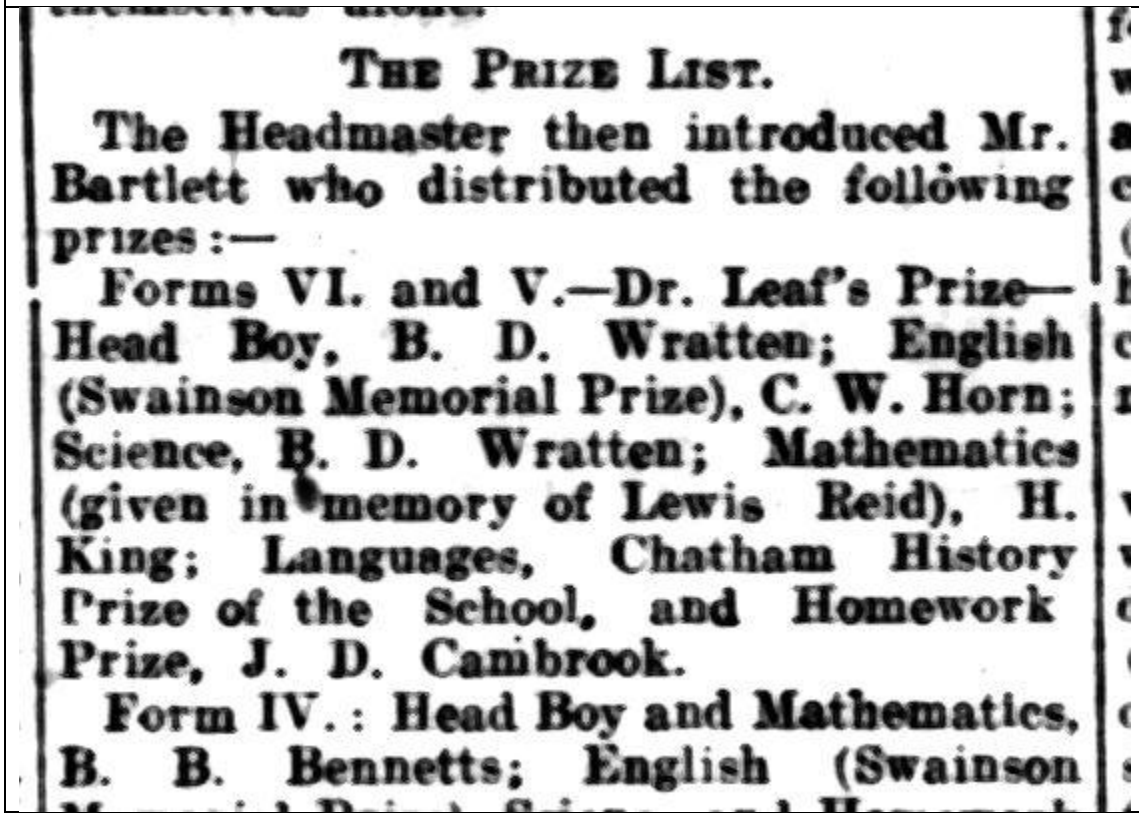
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Notes and Clippings

His father was Scottish – Perhaps that what led Lewis to join the London Scottish?

Find a Grave https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12020672/lewis-theodor_sinclair-reid

Also see https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/205387664 for photograph

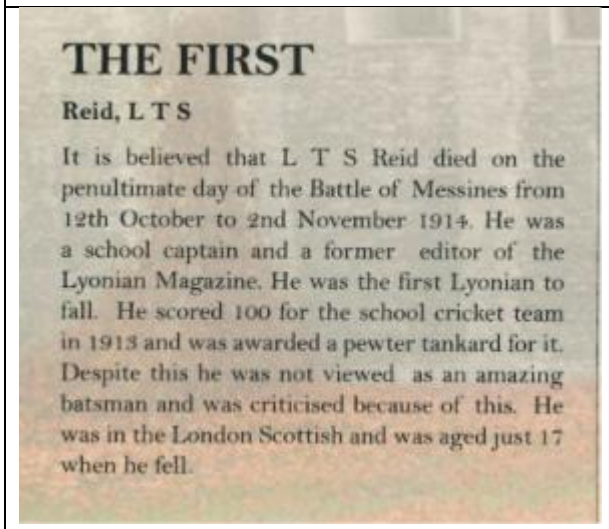
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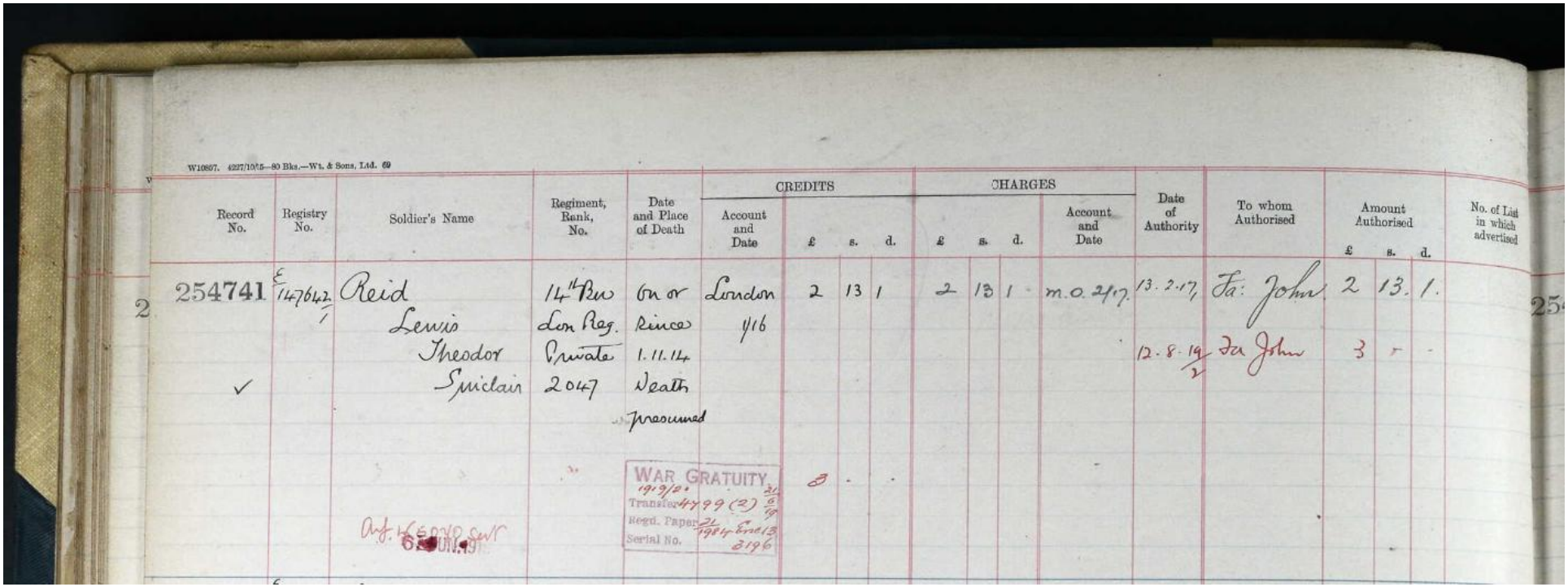
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War gratuity and pension for his father (from Ancestry)



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