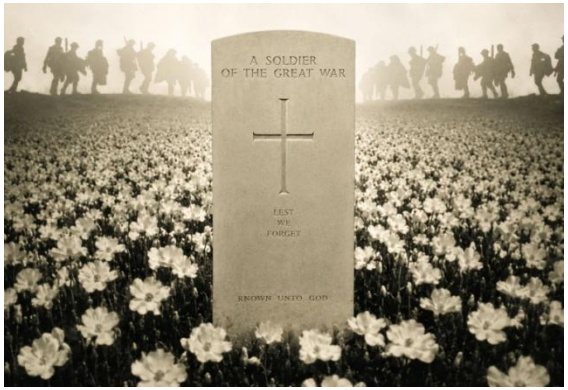






Eric Gordon Stearns

1895 – 1915

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Field Name	Field Data	Source of data
Casualty Name	Eric Gordon Stearns	CWGC
Date of Birth	25/3/1895 Born in Hornsey	See baptism entry below which includes birth date There are discrepancies re his date of birth but the baptism entry clearly says born 25/3/1895 so we are accepting that date. 1901 census
Date of Death (from Spreadsheet)	20	CWGC
Age at death (from Spreadsheet	6/8/1915	CWGC
Marital Status	Not to my knowledge & this ref	https://ww1photos.com/firstworldwarsoldiers/index.php/2023/07/11/stearns-e-g-2nd-lt-4th-royal-fusiliers/

Children (if any)	ditto	
Occupation prior to Call up	In the 1911 census he was still at school aged 16. Sun Insurance Office probably.	1911 cenus Lyonian magazine 1912 https://ww1photos.com/firstworldwarsoldiers/index.php/2023/07/11/stearns-e-g-2nd-lt-4th-royal-fusiliers/
Parents	Thomas Robert Stearns and Mrs Alice Stearns of Lansdowne, Woodridings, Hatch End	CWGC, 1911 census
Listed Address(s)	Besides the address on the CWGC the family also lived at 16 Adolphus Road, Stoke Newington in 1901	CWGC 1901 census
Parents /Fathers occupation	Insurance official. The Lyonian article you mentioned says they expect to see Eric at the Sun Insurance Office. I wonder if that's where both his father and brother worked?	1911 census and Lyonian magazine 1912
Brothers and Sisters	Hubert Grant Stearns, organist at St Georges Headstone and in the 1911 census an insurance clerk. NB: one of the newspaper reports says Herbert but the census says Hubert	Uxbridge & W Drayton Gazette see below and 1911 census
Years at John Lyon School		
Other schools	St Johns College	See below
Obituary		
Additional sources of data		
War Memorials:	Pinner war memorial Transcript of memorial	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/11095 http://west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk/WMlinks/PinnerWM.pdf
	John Lyon School memorial	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/341001

	Sun Insurance Roll of Honour. Located at the National Memorial Arboratum	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/2106636
	St Mary's Church, Church Hill, Harrow on the Hill	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/340901
	St Anselms Church, Hatch End	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/831703
	St John's College memorial next to Stoke Newington Town Hall, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street as E Stearns	**https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/11945**

Military Research

JLS WWI RoH	**STEARNS E.G.**
CWGC Reference	**https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/149593/stearns,-eric-gordon/**
Age	**20**
DoD	**06-Aug-15**
Rank	**Lt**
Regiment	**Royal Fusiliers 4th Bn**
	LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY
Location	**West-Vlaanderen, Belgium**
CWGC in process of uploading image of headstomes which will give us his age, hopefully.	**Son of Thos. R. Stearns, of Lansdowne, Woodridings, Hatch End, Middlesex Lieutenant Eric Gordon Stearns died on August 6, 1915, at the young age of 20. He served with the 4th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Lieutenant Stearns died at Abeele, Belgium, a village located west of Ypres right along the French-Belgian border.He is buried at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Loker Churchyard in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium (Grave Reference: II. C. 20.). He died of wounds received in action in Belgium. While serving in the Ypres sector, Lieutenant Stearns was in charge of an engineering and infantry party tasked with digging a new frontline trench under the cover of darkness. Frontline digging parties were incredibly hazardous roles, exposed to sudden enemy flare lights, targeted machine-gun sweeps, and pre-ranged sniper fire. During the operation, his party was caught in an exchange, and Stearns was severely wounded. He was evacuated behind the immediate lines to a medical post or field ambulance in the Abeele sector, where he succumbed to his injuries. Historical logs and letters from his commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. W. F. Sweny, and his men note that Stearns was highly regarded as an exceptionally cool, fearless leader who was "almost worshipped by the men under his command" for always keeping a cheery word for everyone despite the intense conditions**

Story of Sacrifice

Eric Gordon Stearns (1895 – 1915)



Civilian Life

Eric Stearns was born in Hornsey on 25 March 1895, the son of Thomas Stearns, an insurance official, and Alice Stearns. The family later lived at Lansdowne, Woodridings, Hatch End. Eric was educated at St John's College and the Lower School of John Lyon, where he became a member of the football 1st XI and later a school monitor. The Lyonian magazine of 1912 remembered him with a warm, perhaps a little tongue in cheek testimonial, when he left school. "Of all the boys who left their old School at Christmas, we want to say a few words of kindly farewell. Eric Stearns, who was a Lyonian almost from babyhood—at least, he was wonderfully small when first I saw him—has left as Monitor, member of Football 1st XI., and Six-footer. Besides that, we are in hopes that he has added the London Matriculation to his list of honours. E. S. was a really capital actor, and, alongside his bosom friend, Leo Parsons, made no small stir when he first appeared in "Twelfth Night." Into the bargain, he was always a rare good Lyonian, with an unmistakable touch of the public school boy about him, and that is no bad thing. "

Stearns subsequently worked as a clerk at the Sun Insurance Office.

Military Life

Stearns had joined the Artists' Rifles in 1912 and volunteered for foreign service when war broke out. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant on 6 April 1915 and was posted to the 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

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After his death, tributes came from officers and men who had served with him. His commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Sweny, wrote " I have seen enough of your son to realise what a useful and cool officer he was"; Sergt. F. H. Smith: "Mr. Stearns was almost worshipped by the men under his command; they would have followed him anywhere, for they knew he was a man. He had not an atom of fear in him, and he always had a smile and a cheery word for everybody. I do not think anybody could be more liked and respected than he was." Private W. H. Leighton described how Stearns bore his wound and said that he had been a brave officer in whom the men had the greatest confidence. A further letter from his company commander described his death as a personal sorrow, while the Forces Chaplain told Stearns's parents that their son had been "highly thought of by his senior officers" and that his men spoke of his "courage and coolness in the hour of danger." The chaplain added that his men "would have done anything for him" and deeply felt his loss.

Eric Gordon Stearns was subsequently commemorated at St Anselm's Church, Hatch End, and his name was recorded on a number of war memorials, including those connected with his school and the Sun Insurance Office.

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Stearns 1909 Football



1910/1911 football



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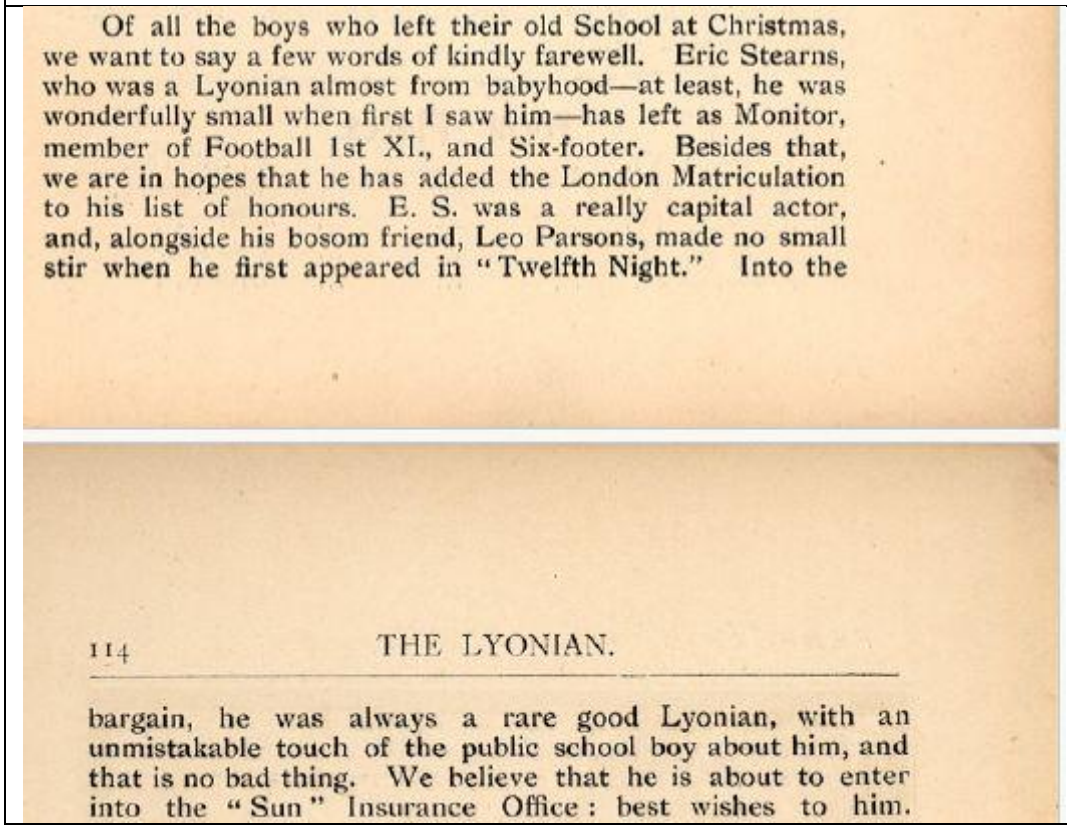


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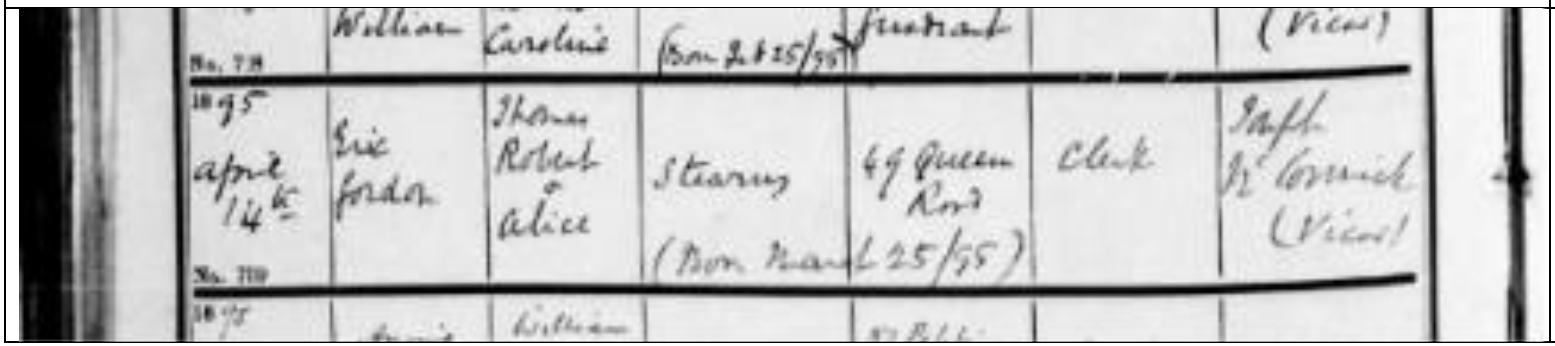
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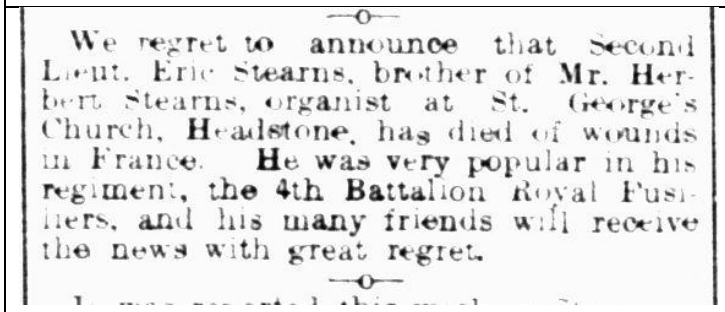
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The Observer Friday October 22 1915



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LIEUT. ERIC STEARNS.
TRIBUTES FROM ALL RANKS.

THE current "Lyonian" contains several expressions of high appreciation of Lieut. Eric Stearns, Royal Fusiliers, an Old Lyonian, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, of Hatch End, Pinner, whose death, as announced in the OBSERVER, resulted from wounds received in action in France on August 6.

The Colonel of the Battalion writes: "I was deeply grieved to hear that your son had died from the effects of his wounds received whilst in charge of a party digging a new trench. I had heard that he had a real good chance, but it has been willed otherwise. I have only just taken over command of this Battalion, but I have seen enough of your son to realise what a useful and cool officer he was. Please accept through me the sincere sympathy of your son's brother officers, who all feel that they have lost a true and staunch comrade."

His Company Commander writes: "I cannot tell you how I miss him both as a friend and brother officer; always cheerful, absolutely fearless, he was adored by his men. The Company were out digging a second line of trenches about 200 yards in rear of the firing line, of course at night. There were a great many stray bullets falling round all through the night and one of these struck him in the right side."

The sergeant of the platoon which the gallant young officer commanded also pays a glowing tribute on behalf of the non-commissioned officers and men. He writes: "We all sympathise most deeply with you and Mrs. Stearns in your sad bereavement. You have the satisfaction of knowing, however, that Mr. Stearns was almost worshipped by the men under his command. They would have followed him anywhere, for they knew he was a man. He had not an atom of fear in him, and he had always a smile and a cheery word for everybody. I do not think anybody could be more liked and respected than he was by us all, and we shall all miss him very much indeed."

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WAR HELP MOVEMENTS.

MR. C. J. TWIN'S SHED.
VIOLENT PERSONALITIES

The Wealdstone Council met on Tuesday evening with Councillor J. H. Searcy, J.P. in the chair, when there were present Councillors G. Clarke, F. W. Wale, C. Twinn, J. How, C. Carrington, H. E. Harwood, R. J. Hurford, G. O. Davies and W. Hay Taylor; with the Clerk, Mr. R. J. Bryant, and the Surveyor, Mr. H. Walker.

The chief discussion centred round Mr. C. J. Twinn's shed, and the Council carried a third resolution to pull the structure down, again by a majority of one.

The Clerk read the statement of case laid by Mr. A. J. Lees before Mr. A. McMorran, and his opinion, which was that Mr. Twinn could not now contend the building was not a temporary one, that the Council could proceed to remove the building, and that no notice was necessary to the freeholder, Councillor C. Twinn.

Councillor Wale: How much has this cost the ratepayers up to the present?

The Clerk: All I can say is that the brief of Mr. McMorran is marked five guineas.

LEUT. ERIC STEARNS.

TRIBUTES FROM ALL RANKS.

The sad news of Lieut. Eric Stearns' death was received on Friday last. The young officer, who belonged to the 11th Battalion, had been at the Front for about a month.

A brother officer of the Battalion writes:— "He was a good officer, and was always popular with his men, and he is a loss to us. He died doing his duty, and his memory will live long with us."

Another letter from a comrade says:— "Lieut. Stearns was killed on Friday night. He was in command of a party working at the Front, when a shell exploded close to him, killing him instantly. He was a brave fellow, and was popular with all ranks."

The Company Commander writes:— "I cannot tell you how much I feel his loss; it is a personal sorrow to me. Since he joined the Battalion, he was always by my side. The Company was managing a difficult piece of work, and he was in the firing line at south of night. There was a great heavy fire, during which much of the work was destroyed, and Eric was killed on the right side."

The Chaplain of the forces, writing to the parents, says:— "I feel I must write to you to express my deep sympathy with you in your great sorrow. Your son was killed on the night of the 15th October. He was in command of a party working at the Front, and was struck by a piece of shell. His death was instantaneous, so that he did not suffer. I buried him on Saturday night in the cemetery near here, and a cross is being erected to his memory. It may comfort you to know that he was a good soldier, and was highly thought of by his senior officers. His men would have done anything for him, and speak of his courage and coolness in the hour of danger. They all feel his loss deeply."

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The tenth annual athletic sports in connection with St. John's College (Greenlanes) were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Tufnell Park Athletic Grounds, Boston Avenue, before a large attendance of spectators. Magnificent weather smiled on the day, everything passing off well, and all concerned are to be congratulated. The following were the officials: — President, Mr. J. S. Coombes, M.A. (the Principal); committee, the Masters; judges, Messrs. J. B. Lee, A. Boley, F. Frankford; starter, referee, Messrs. F. T. Smith and H. G. B. Brewer; handicapper, Mr. E. R. Phelp; timekeeper, Messrs. Taylor and Davis. During the intervals the International Military Band, conducted by Louis Seidel, discoursed sweet music. The programme consisted of 23 events, some of which, perhaps, caused more excitement than the father's 300 yards scratch race, in which there can, and Mr. W. Bates cannot, compete now; nor is it easy to run that Old Boys 440 yards scratch, won by C. S. Wright, the winner accomplishing a fine performance, covering it in 55 secs. The following were the results: —

High jump. — W. A. Cumming, 4ft. 8in., 1.

200 yards handicap. — Class IV.: J. W. Barrett, 1; B. G. Green, 2. Time, 20 4-5th sec.

100 yards handicap. — Class II.: A. E. Green, 1; A. Taylor, 2. Time, 12 3-5th sec.

220 yards handicap. — Class I.: W. A. Cumming, 1; O. G. Saddington, 2. Time, 27 4-5th sec.

440 yards handicap. — Class I.: W. A. Cumming, 1; O. G. Saddington, 2. Time, 62 secs.

Dribbling football. — Class III.: E. A. Saddington, 1. Class II.: A. King, 1. Class I.: T. Lee, 1; A. C. A. Moss, 2.

100 yards scratch race. — Class III.: E. G. Saddington, 1; W. Felton, 2. 18 sec. Class II.: E. F. Clarke, 1; L. Taylor, 2. 12 sec. Class I.: W. E. Carpenter, 1; G. Carpenter, 2. 11 3-5th sec.

One mile bicycle handicap. — S. M. Lions, scratch, 1. 2min. 55sec.

440 yards handicap. — Class IV.: H. F. Clarke, 1; E. Watkins, 2. 80 sec. Class III.: A. De Lenow, 1; H. Carpenter, 2. 75 4-5 sec. Class I.: G. Carpenter, 1; A. Bridge, 2. 60 sec.

One mile handicap. — G. Carpenter, scratch, 1; A. Bridge, 2; E. Starling, 3. 5 min. 10 sec.

Obstacle race. — P. Todd, 1; H. Walford, 2.

Slow bicycle race. — J. Howell, 1.

600 yards hurdle handicap. — H. Stead, 1. 66 sec.

Sack race. — H. Tame, 1; F. Rainford, 2.

One mile walking handicap. — G. Willmott, 1; E. Smalley, 2; F. Todd, 3. 8 min. 41 sec.

Consolation. — (E. G. Evans), 1; C. G. Mitchell, 2; E. Crouch, 3.

Fathers' race, 300. — H. G. Baten, 1. 52 sec. All ran well.

Old Boys' 440 yards scratch race. — C. S. Wright, 1; H. Lines, 2. Time, 55 1-5 sec.

Old Boys' Hurdle scratch race, 120 yards. — W. H. Lovibond, 1. Time 21 sec.

Tug-of-war. — Class III. vs. Class I. and II.: Team (F. G. Duns), 1; Class I. vs. II.: Team (W. E. Carpenter), 1.

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were distributed by Mrs. J. S. Smith, Mayoress of Finsbury, in the centre of the enclosure. On Mrs. Smith ascending the platform, a band played a march, and at the end her daughter, Miss Gladys, was presented with a beautiful bouquet. Prizes not contested by local tradesmen were given by Messrs. O. Brown, Green-lanes; and G. A. Sparks. General champions were: Class I.: W. A. Cumming, to whom Mr. E. H. Phelp's cup for the best timing goes; Class II.: L. Taylor; and tie held in Class III. between E. A. Saddington and E. G. Saddington. Mr. Mortlock proposed three cheers for Mrs. Smith, the judges, the band, the sports, and others present, and the proceedings terminated after cheers for the headmaster.

Master Philip Saddington, one of the...