

Hugh Guy Clutterbuck



Second Lieutenant, 2/7th Gurkhas, attached 9th Gurkhas, January, 1916. Joined Ceylon Rifles in 1913. Joined up on outbreak of war, and went with Ceylon Rifles to Egypt. Commissioned in Egypt, January, 1915. Fought in Egypt in the attack on Suez Canal; in Mesopotamia, Battles of Shaba-Rasiviyah, advance up Tigris, Sannaiyat, attempted relief of Kut, etc. Severely wounded on the Tigris on February 22nd, 1916. Rejoined, with a bullet in his leg, April 7th. Killed in action at the Battle of Beit Ayesha, April 17th, 1916. Burial place is unknown, in a trench at Beit Ayesha. Awarded 1914-15 Star, General Service and Victory Medals.



HUGH GUY CLUTTERBUCK was born in Boyton on Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire in 1893. His parents were Hugh Frank Clutterbuck and Margaret Henrietta (née Long). Known as Guy, he was born into a well-placed and

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very strong military family. His father was a Colonel in the Somerset Light Infantry who served in India, France and Palestine during World War I and was ultimately invalided out of service in November 1917. His grandfather, Daniel Clutterbuck, had fought and been wounded in the Charge of the Light Brigade – he achieved the rank of Captain. He also had an Uncle, Edmund Ricardo Clutterbuck, who as a Captain of the 4th Hussars also fought in World War I.

As a son in a military family Guy would probably have had a nomadic childhood with his father away on active service, but Corsham was certainly part of that childhood as his grandparents were living at Monk's House, Monk's Park, when he was born and later at Middlewick in Pickwick.

Guy had five sisters – Doreen, Marguerite, Nancy, Phyllis and Marion – but neither in 1901, when he was seven, nor in 1911 were they all living together as a family. In 1901 Guy, Phyllis and Marion were boarding at Belgrade House in Monkton Combe near Bath, and by 1911 it appears that Guy was already in the military. He gave The Dicketts in Corsham as his contact address. His mother Margaret died in 1914 before the start of World War I.

War Records of Corsham details that Guy served in the Ceylon Rifles and the 2/7th Gurkhas and had achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant and served in Egypt and Mesopotamia before he was killed in action on 17th April 1916 in the battle for Beit Aiessa – part of the ongoing action to relieve the besieged garrison of Kut. He is remembered at the Basra Memorial in Iraq.