

Anthony George Mead

Anthony George Mead was born in Netley in 1875, to Rev. George Mead (from Whipsnade in Bedfordshire) and his wife Mary Sophia, nee Lefroy, (from Crookham in Hampshire). At the time, the Rev. George was the Chaplain at Netley. In 1881, the family were living in Devonport, where the Rev. George was a chaplain to the forces. Anthony's siblings were Juliet, Philip, Nina and Dorothy. By 1891, the family had relocated to the Parsonage at Rownhams, where George is described as "a clerk in holy orders".

I don't know where Anthony was for the night of the 1901 census, but in 1907 he married Maud Griffiths (from Frimley) in the district of Romsey. In 1911, Anthony, his wife and their son Ralph (and three servants) were living at 4, Church Mount, Sutton, in the district of Hull. He was working as a clerk for a railway company.

Anthony is listed as a "Special List" 2nd Lieutenant, attached to the Inland Waterways and Docks unit of the Royal Engineers. He'd been made a temporary lieutenant from 15th November 1917. This unit had its main depot in the UK at Richborough, Kent, where there was also a 'secret' dock. They ran barges both in the theatre of war and the UK, and were involved with the associated dock processes, such as operating cranes operators. These barges provided supplies and were also used for ferrying the wounded.

He died (presumably from TB) at Pinewood sanatorium, Wokingham, on May 26th 1919 aged 43. Maud was living at The Red House in Scarborough at the time. Anthony's father predeceased him.

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