

# One family's loss

**It's estimated just over 700,000 British soldiers died in the First World War.**

**Here in Fareham many families said goodbye to loved ones who never returned, losing husbands, brothers and sons.**

**At Holy Trinity Church, in the heart of the community, we find a story of another family's loss.**

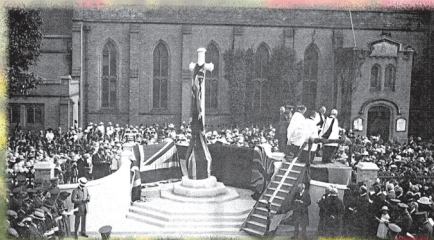


At the time of the outbreak of the First World War, the Reverend of the Church was Charles Lowther Arnold. He was the great-grandson of Benedict Arnold, the famous general of the American Revolutionary War, and was also a descendant of King Edward III.

Revd. Arnold's wife, was Mary (nee Delamere Tylor), the daughter of a geologist. Some records say her mother had been a lady-in waiting to Queen Victoria. The Arnolds and their three sons lived at the Vicarage in Osborn Road (now apartments). It was the Revd. Arnold's job to comfort his parishioners in times of bereavement, something which he and his wife came to know of first-hand, losing two of their three boys in the War.



The Old Rectory in Osborn Road, where the Arnolds lived.



Revd Charles Arnold unveiling the War Memorial at Holy Trinity Church, Fareham in 1921, on which two of his sons are remembered.

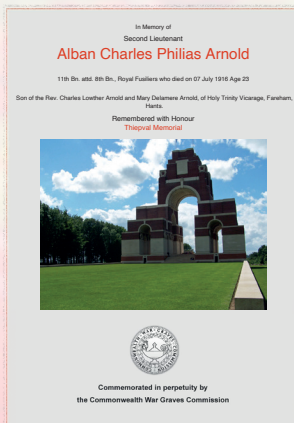


Three generations of Arnolds

# Edward and Alban

The Arnold's eldest son was Edward Gladwin, born in 1891. He enlisted in 1914 as a Lieutenant and joined the 232nd Army Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

On March 21, 1918 Edward was reported missing St Quintin. He was subsequently officially reported believed killed, a matter of months before the war ended. He was just 26.



The Arnold's middle son was Alban Charles Phidias, born in Cheshire in 1892.

He attended Twyford School near Winchester, and then Cambridge University. He was a promising cricketer who

played for Cambridge University and Hampshire between 1912-1914.

Above: War grave certificate for Alban Charles.

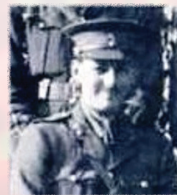


Edward Arnold's headstone at the Pozierès Memorial, France.



Pozierès Cemetery where Edward Arnold is remembered.

For a time Alban worked as a solicitors clerk in London. During the War, he served as a Second Lieutenant, 11th and 8th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. On 7 July 1916 he was killed in action at Ovillers-la-Boisselle in northern France during the Battle of the Somme, aged just 23. Neither Edward or Alban have a known grave, however Alban is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial and Edward is remembered on Pozierès Memorial.



NAME AND SERVICE	REGIMENTAL OR OTHER UNIT	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PARTICULARS AS TO SERVICE	PERSONAL OCCUPATION	REMARKS	STATUS OF GRAVE		GRAVE REFERENCE	REMARKS AS TO GRAVE	DEFINITION
							KNOWN GRAVE	UNKNOWN GRAVE			
James Miller, 2nd Lt.	1st Bn. Buffs	1878	1916	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edward Arnold, 2nd Lt.	11th Bn. Royal Fusiliers	1892	1916	...	Solicitor's clerk	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alban Charles Phidias, 2nd Lt.	8th Bn. Royal Fusiliers	1892	1916	...	Solicitor's clerk	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Genus record showing Edward Arnold was employed as a solicitor's clerk when he was 19.

# Anthony Rex



The youngest of the Arnold boys, Anthony Rex, was born 1897. He was the only one of the three to survive the War. He was confirmed as

Flight Sub-Lieutenant on 1 August 1914 and received Royal Aero Club Aviator's Certificate 876 on a Maurice Farman biplane at Central Flying School, Upavon on 21 August 1914. Flying the Sopwith Triplane, he scored five victories with Naval 8 before assuming command of 79 Squadron. Anthony was awarded three medals for his bravery. He received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

He died of natural causes in Mozambique in the 1954 and is buried at Westminster.



Above from l-r:  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Belgian War Cross (Croix de Guerre)  
Distinguished Service Cross

In 1921, Revd. Arnold presided at the ceremonial unveiling of Fareham's War Memorial in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church. In attendance was Field Marshall Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig. The memorial was made of stone from the Forest of Dean. The Arnold brothers are named on the War Memorial, and are also commemorated in the east window of Holy Trinity Church.

In their later years the Revd and Mrs Arnold left Holy Trinity and lived in Bournemouth. Mary, died in 1938 aged 73, Revd. Arnold died March 1942, aged 82. It's not thought they had any other children.

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ARNOLD, Anthony Rex  
Trinity Vicarage, Fareham, Hants.

Born 26th Aug. 1896 at Tattenhall  
Nationality British  
Rank or Profession Flight Sub-Lieut. R.N.  
Certificate taken on Maurice Farman Biplane  
At Central Flying School, Upavon  
Date 21st August 1914

Flying certificate awarded to Anthony Arnold.

26 Aug. 1896.

Tattenhall

26 Aug. 1896.

General Hospital, Rochester, Kent.  
July to the said Thomas Arnold.  
Effects £230 13s. 5d.

ARNOLD Dorothy Evelyn of 20 1/2  
Surrey (wife of William Victor)  
at Surliton Hospital Surliton  
the said William Victor Arnold.  
Effects £1192 10s. 7d.

ARNOLD Edgar of 1 Jubilee Villas  
shire died 17 August 1904 at  
Llandaff 11 November to Medi-  
Company Limited. Effects £27

ARNOLD Edgar George of 208 1/2  
March 1904 Administration  
Harriet Arnold widow. Effects

ARNOLD Edith of Mayles Wick  
March 1904 at Glebe House  
Winchester 19 July to Peter  
single woman. Effects £3105



Continuing Record.

Name	Rank	Profession	Remarks
Anthony Rex Arnold	Flight Sub-Lieut.	R.N.	21 Aug. 1914

Above: extracts from Anthony Arnold's military service record.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Anthony Rex Arnold,  
R.N.  
876. 21 Aug. 1914

Extract from Record of Royal Aero  
Club Aviators' Certificate recipients.

ARNOLD James of 43 Leiston Avenue, Manchester died 29 January 1904 Administration Manchester 29 June to Charles Arnold textile engraver. Effects £68 2s. 6d.

ARNOLD Annie Louise of 12 Colchester Quay, Winton, Hants died 22 March 1904 shire wife of Estlin Robert Arnold died 23 May 1904 Philip London 9 August to the said Estlin Robert Arnold railway official. Effects £442 10s. 4d.

ARNOLD Anthony Rex D.S.C. D.F.C. of Peat Spade Inn Longstock Stockbridge Hampshire and care of Lloyd's Bank Limited Gosport and Kings Branch 6 Pall Mall Westminster died 25 May 1904 at Petra Portuguese East Africa Probate London 23 September to Sir Edwin Savory Herbert knight and Sydney Davis Herington solicitors. Effects £15416 7s. 9d.

ARNOLD Arthur James of 16 Grindley-brook Whitechurch Shropshire died 22 August 1904 Administration Chester 18 October to Letitia Arnold widow. Effects £1106 7s. 3d.

ARNOLD Benjamin Weston of 21 St. Mark's Road Newport Monmouthshire died 21 July 1904 Administration London 19 November to Lloyd's Bank Limited and Philip Weston Arnold stationer. Effects £2162 2s. 6d.

Extract from England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966. The entry for Anthony Rex Arnold shows he died leaving significant wealth, £15416 7s 9d – that's nearly £400,000 in today's money!