

Percy Redgrave

Military Record – Percy Redgrave (No. 8034) (ancestry.co.uk):

Attested for Short Service at Coventry 4 January 1901,

Military History:

- Home 4.11.1901 – 9.10.02
- Bermuda 10.10.02 – 29.3.1904
- Gibraltar 30.3.04 – 12.6.05
- South Africa 13.6.05 – 28.11.1906
- India 29.11.1906 - ?
- ...pdy Force, France ?

Re-engaged (Army Reserve), 19 May 1913,

“...temporarily released from Military Duty for the purpose of being employed by Albion Drop Forging Co., Lockhurst Lane, Foleshill, Coventry” (Parkhurst, 11 September 1915)

The Midland Daily Telegraph – 10 August 1918

DROWNED WHILE BATHING

INQUEST ON A COVENTRY MAN AT SANDOWN, I.O.W.

The Isle of Wight Coroner sat at Sandown Town Hall on Friday night and conducted an inquest on Percy Redgrave (35), of 49 Freeman Street, Coventry who met his death while bathing the previous day.

Lilian K. Sanders, of St. Elmo, Newport, said she came out to Sandown with the deceased for the day. He was wounded in October 1914, had the Mons ribbon, and had received his discharge from the 3rd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He entered the water about 2.30 p.m., and as he had not returned to her two hours later she went to the proprietor of the bathing machine which he had taken. She met the deceased when he was stationed at Parkhurst, I.O.W., and understood he had recently been employed in motor works.

The son of the proprietor of the bathing machine said no cry for help was heard. Redgrave had stated that he had once been seized with cramp, and had promised to come out if he felt anything of the kind coming on.

Dr. Collis said the man's appearance was consistent with death from drowning.

The Coroner said the face gave no indication of death from heart failure. He suggested that the man might have had a weak heart, and by reason of this, been reduced to such a condition that he was unable to struggle and was drowned.

A verdict of “Accidentally drowned” was returned.

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