

## James Albert Garland Emmet

James was born in 1899 Tuxedo, New York. His mother and father Robert and Louise Emmet settled in Warwickshire in the late 1800s and built Moreton Paddox, in Moreton Morrell.

At the outbreak of the Great War, James was only 15 years old he was the second oldest of three brothers and a sister. Robert consulted the family as to whether they should return to the United States or stay and support the British war effort.

All the family voted to stay and Robert was quoted in the local press as volunteering his sons for war service.

When he was old enough James joined the 1st Life Guards as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and during his war service was promoted to Lieutenant.

He saw active service and his medial index card shows he went overseas to France on the 20 October 1917 when he would have been between 18 and 19. The 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards served on the Western Front throughout the war and it seems likely that when he joined them in France he would have been in the trenches.

He survived the war and by the time he retired from the Life Guards he was a captain. He married and lived on at Moreton Paddox until after the Second World War when he moved to Ireland.

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