

Herbert Percival Hancox

Percy Hancox lived in Wellesbourne and was the personal servant of Robert Emmet who lived at Moreton Paddox. Percy had worked for Robert Emmet for some seven years before the war.

Robert Emmet's own memoirs for his family confirm that Percy served with him in Egypt in the Warwickshire Yeomanry and when as Major Robert Emmet, he was invalided back to England suffering from heat apoplexy, Percy followed him. He then joined Major Emmet as batman in a Royal Artillery unit on the Western Front.

Percy had been suffering from dysentery and was in his "bivvy" (a corrugated iron shelter) when a shell landed directly on the roof. He was described by Emmet as "nearly shot to pieces". He was operated on in the base hospital and appeared to be making progress. However a fresh influx of casualties led to him being evacuated to England.

Unfortunately the journey was too much for his weakened condition including the persistent dysentery and he died in transit in September 1918.

This is a provisional report and will be rewritten with more information.

Percy is remembered on both the Moreton Morrell and Wellesbourne Memorials.

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