

WALTER MEGAINEY

1878 – 1917

Walter Megainey was born in 1878 in Stratford on Avon, the third son of Charles & Mary Ann Megainey His father Charles was a bricklayer.

In 1901 Walter was employed as a groom in Wrexham, Denbighshire where he was boarding with a Mr & Mrs Culkin. By 1911 he was back in Holtom Street, Stratford on Avon, living with his mother, who was a widow by then, and his elder sister and younger brother, and was employed as a domestic chauffeur. Just after the 1911 census was taken he married Winifred A Gardner in Stratford. Before the War broke out they had two children, Maxwen, born in 1912 and Beryl , born 1914.

Unfortunately Beryl died on the 15th August 1915 and an announcement appeared in the Stratford Upon Avon Herald, August 20 1915 page 6:-

DEATHS

“On the 15th inst., at Loxley, Beryl the dearly beloved daughter of Mr & Mrs Walter Megainey aged one year and seven months

Walter joined the Army Service Corps, no. M2/167096 and rose to become a Lance Corporal.

In the third quarter of 1917 they had another daughter, Edna. Just a few months later Walter was killed in action on the 27th November 1917 and is Remembered with Honour at Oxford Road Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was awarded the Victory & the British medals.

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DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

“On the 27th ult., killed in action in France, Lance-Corporal Walter Megainey, of the H.A.M.T the beloved husband of Winifred Megainey of Loxley, Warwick”

The Royal Army Service Corps (RASC) was the unit responsible for keeping the British Army supplied with all its provisions barring weaponry, military equipment and ammunition, which were under the remit of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

The Army Service Corps became the Royal Army Service Corps in late 1918. H.A.M.T most probably means Horse And Motorised Transport