

Private Percy Richardson (1891 – 1918)

Middlesex Regiment and Labour Corps



Inscription on Gallipoli marker:

71725 PRIVATE

P. RICHARDSON

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

9TH NOVEMBER 1918

He was born on 5 December 1891 in Harefield, Uxbridge, into a Wesleyan Methodist family. His parents came from the West Riding of Yorkshire, living and working in the heavy woollen district of Dewsbury and Batley. Due to a decline in the woollen industry caused by prohibitive tariffs, his father found work at the United Asbestos Company in Harefield. By 1911 Percy joined his father at the factory and became a skilled carpenter.

After enlisting in October 1916 at Mill Hill, he was called up and posted with the rank of private to the 29th (Works) Bn., Middlesex Regiment. He then married Flossie Violet Colton from Newbury. He was later transferred in April 1917 to the 339th (Home Service) Works Company, Labour Corps.

On 2 November 1918, diagnosed with influenza, he was admitted into Stanford Road Military Hospital, Brighton. His condition worsened, and he died with his family by his bedside at the age of 26 on 9 November, two days before Armistice Day. His family brought him to Newbury for burial on 14 November.

He is commemorated on the Bell's United Asbestos Co. War Memorial 1914-1918 at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Harefield.

Next of Kin Memorial Plaque

“ He died for Freedom and Honour ”

For further details of his life and family, please go to
<http://www.fnrcnewbury.org.uk>

