

## Private 295664 Herbert John Mellor

London Regiment 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers

1897 – 1918



Herbert Mellor was born in January 1897 in Tilston village, just south-east of Farndon, the eldest son of Ambrose and Elizabeth Mellor. Ambrose, and his father before him, were also Tilston men, and had worked all their lives as agricultural labourers on local farms. After a short time working on David Kinsey's farm in nearby Carden, Ambrose returned to Tilston to settle down in Long Lane with his new wife Elizabeth Diggery, who came from the hamlet of Threapwood, five miles to the south on the Welsh border. After the birth of eldest son Herbert, he was followed by brothers Phillip (1901) and Walter (1904), and sister Elizabeth (1912).



### Tilston

*Above:* village green and the Carden Arms.

*Left:* Long Lane

*Below:* Badge of the Royal Fusiliers.



By 1911 Ambrose Mellor had broken ties with the village of his birth and moved his family (after the birth of Walter), a few miles north to Great Barrow, where he continued to work on a local farm. However, their stay there was a short one, and after the birth of Elizabeth, they moved to **New Lane in Churton.**

When the war came, both Ambrose and son Herbert joined the army. It is likely that Ambrose did not sign up until the upper age limit was lowered in the last year of the war, and this studio shot with his wife and toddler Elizabeth on his knee aged about five would suggest that was so. The war records of both men no longer exist, so it is not possible to give a detailed resume of their service.

After signing on for the Cheshires at Chester, Herbert was initially posted as a driver to the Royal Field Artillery (reg.no.736287) no doubt capitalising on his farming experience of using horses, but was later moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), (attached to the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers, reg.no.295664). In the latter stages of the war they were involved in the push forwards from Arras on the Cambrai road, when he lost his life on 25 August 1918 aged only twenty-one. His body was never found, and he was recorded on the memorial panels in **Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery.**

Ambrose survived the war, returning home to his family. He passed away in 1940 aged sixty-six.



*Left: The 4th Battalion (Royal Fusiliers)*



### **Vis-en-Artois Memorial**

Vis-en-Artois and Haucourt are villages on the straight main road from Arras to Cambrai about 10 kilometres south-east of Arras. Within the grounds of Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery, which is west of Haucourt on the north side of the main road, will be found the Vis-en-Artois Memorial. This Memorial bears the names of over 9,000 men who fell in the period from 8 August 1918 to the date of the Armistice in the Advance to Victory in Picardy and Artois, between the Somme and Loos, and who have no known grave. They belonged to the forces of Great Britain and Ireland and South Africa; the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces being commemorated on other memorials to the missing. The Memorial consists of a screen wall in three parts. The middle part of the screen wall is concave and carries stone panels on which names are carved. It is 26 feet high flanked by pylons 70 feet high. The Stone of Remembrance stands exactly between the pylons and behind it, in the middle of the screen, is a group in relief representing St George and the Dragon. The flanking parts of the screen wall are also curved and carry stone panels carved with names. Each of them forms the back of a roofed colonnade; and at the far end of each is a small building.

Herbert Mellor is recorded on this rear screen memorial.



**Vis-en-Artois Memorial**



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*Photos by the author on a visit in 2007.*





The Royal London Fusiliers Monument on Holborn, a memorial to Royal Fusiliers killed in World War I and World War II

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No
MELLOR	* R F A + Lond R	Plat	436 284. 295664
Herbert			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	* 104/101 B4	463.	
BRITISH	do		
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			



Service medal record for Herbert Mellor

In Memory of

Private

## Herbert John Mellor

295664, 4th Bn., London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) who died on 25 August 1918 Age 21

Son of Ambrose and Elizabeth Mellor, of Churton, Chester.

Remembered with Honour

Vis-En-Artois Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

# CENSUS RECORDS

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (A) or built (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of	
						Males	Females				
14		1	Abel Roberts	Head	Mar	58		Ag. Lab.	Bleaslie, Tisbury	Tisbury	
			Sarah Do.	Wife	Do.		54	<del>Do. Wife</del>	Bleaslie, Tisbury		
			James Do.	Son	Do.		15	General Servant	Bleaslie, Blackland		
			Abel Do.	Grandson	Do.	8		Schoolar	Do. Do.		
			Mary Ann Do.	Granddaughter	Do.	6		Do.	Tisbury		
15		1	John Hughes	Head	Mar	54		Farmer 38 Acres	Bleaslie, Blackland		
			Mary Do.	Wife	Do.	52		<del>Do. Wife</del>	Do. Blackland		
			Joseph Do.	Son	Widow	30		Stone Mason	Do. Do.		
			Peter Do.	Do.	Widow	26		Ag. Lab.	Do. Do.		
			Saml Do.	Do.	Widow	22		Do.	Do. Do.		
			Philis Do.	Son	Do.	12		Schoolar	Do. Do.		
			Emily Do.	Grand <sup>d</sup>	Do.	3		Do.	Do. Do.		
16		1	Frederick Carr	Head	Mar	29		Farmer of 7 acres	Do. Totton		
			Louisa Carr	Wife	Do.	32		<del>Do. Wife</del>	Do. Totton		
			Louisa Jones	Miscel	Do.	12		Schoolar	Do. Totton		
			Ann Sutton	Servant	Widow	19		General Servant	Do. Totton		
			George Phillips	Do.	Do.	17		Farmer in Do.	Do. Totton		
17		1	John Melloe	Head	Mar	46		Ag. Lab.	Do. Tisbury		
			Ann Do.	Wife	Do.	41		<del>Do. Wife</del>	Do. Tisbury		
			Mary Do.	Daughter	Do.	12		General Servant	Bleaslie, Tisbury		
			Thomas Do.	Son	Do.	10		Schoolar	Do. Do.		
			Andrew Do.	Do.	Do.	7		Do.	Do. Do.		
			Gravily Do.	Son	Do.	3		Do.	Do. Do.		
			John Do.	Head of the Parish	Do.			Do.	Do. Do.		
4	Total of Houses...	4	Total of Males and Females...				11	12			

Notes: Down the sum through each of the words of the heading...



Civil Parish of <u>Fildes</u>	Municipal Borough of <u>Saund</u>	Municipal Ward of <u>...</u>	Town or Village or Hamlet of <u>Carden</u>	Rural Sanitary District of <u>Tarwin</u>	Parliamentary Borough or Division of <u>Edisbury</u>	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of <u>Silstone</u>	No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c, and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES No. of No. of No. of No. of	Number of Occupants if less than 5	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males Females	11 PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	12 Employer	13 Employed	14 Ridder Employer	15 WHERE BORN	16 If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot	
																					141
142	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
143	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
144	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
145	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Total of Houses and of  
Tenements with less  
than Five Rooms ...

Total of Males and Females...

... of the houses as mentioned.

Administrative County		Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet				
Cheshire		Yuleston (part of)		Yuleston (part of)		Yuleston (part of)		Larvin (part of)		Yuleston (part of)		Yuleston (entire)				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No. of Houses	ROAD, STREET, etc., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	HOUSES		No. of Houses in Street	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition of Marriage	Age last Birthday of		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, Own account	If Working Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Paralyzed, feeble-minded	
			Uninhabited	Empty					Males	Females						
9	Church Road	1			2	John Caldwell	Head	S.	65		Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Cheshire, Birkinhead		
10	Church Road	1			2	Frank Floyd	Boarder	S.	43		Do.	Do.		Hampshire, Wottonbury		
11	Church Rd.	1			2	Francis Parkinville	Head	M.	31	23	Farmer	Own account		W. Lanes, Aldeby		
12	Long Lane	1			2	Rhoda Do.	Wife	M.	4	4	Do.	Do.		Do. Coddington		
13	Long Lane	1			2	Arthur Do.	Son	M.	32	33	Ordinary Agric. Labourer	Worker		Do. Chaker		
14	Long Lane	1			2	Francis Rowlands	Head	M.	24	26	Ordinary Agric. Labourer	Worker		Cheshire, Yuleston		
15	Long Lane	1			2	Elizabeth Do.	Wife	M.	4	4	Do.	Do.		Do. Shochlack		
16	Long Lane	1			2	Herbert Do.	Son	M.	2	2	Ordinary Agric. Labourer	Worker		Cheshire, Yuleston		
17	Long Lane	1			2	Phillip Do.	Son	M.	2	2	Do.	Do.		Hampshire, Wottonbury		
18	Long Lane	1			2	George Peake	Head	M.	45	45	Bricklayer	Worker		Cheshire, Yuleston		
19	Long Lane	1			2	Margaret "	Wife	M.	45	45	Do.	Do.		Do. "		
20	Long Lane	1			2	Margaret "	Son	M.	4	4	Do.	Do.		Wenlborough, Hall		
21	Long Lane	1			2	Mary Huxley	Wife	M.	46	46	Do.	Do.		Do. "		
22	Long Lane	1			2	James Weaver	Head	M.	46	44	Ordinary Agric. Labourer	Worker		Cheshire, Clutton		
23	Long Lane	1			2	Mary Weaver	Wife	M.	45	45	Do.	Do.		Do. Malpas		
24	Long Lane	1			2	Charles Do.	Son	M.	45	48	Ordinary Agric. Labourer	Worker		Do. Yuleston		
25	Long Lane	1			2	Thomas Do.	Son	M.	48	48	Do.	Do.		Do. "		
26	Yuleston Court	1			2	Albert Henry Hender	Head	M.	38	38	Circuit Officer	Employer		Lancs. Liverpool		
27	Yuleston Court	1			2	Julia Hender	Wife	M.	29	29	Do.	Do.		Do. Bristol		
28	Yuleston Court	1			2	Phyllis Mary Do.	Son	M.	4	4	Do.	Do.		Do. Shunkley		
29	Yuleston Court	1			2	Margery Hender	Son	M.	6	6	Do.	Do.		Do. "		
30	Yuleston Court	1			2	Julia Hender	Son	M.	1	1	Do.	Do.		Lancs. Liverpool		
31	Yuleston Court	1			2	Mary E. Hender	Son	M.	21	21	Housemaid (Domestic)	Worker		Cheshire, Chester		
32	Yuleston Court	1			2	Hannah Hender	Son	M.	24	24	Book (Domestic)	Do.		Salop. Church Stoke		
33	Yuleston Court	1			2	Total of Males and of Females...			13	14						

NOTE—Draw your pen through such words of the headings as are inapplicable.

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Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.  
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NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (Last Birthday) and SEX.		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.			PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.		RESIDENCE of every person.	NATIONALITY of person born in Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
		Males.	Females.	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children Living.	Children who have Died.	Whether Working at Home.	Industry or Trade.			
1. Ambrose Mellor	Head	34	—	Married	—	—	Labourer in Farm	—	45b	—	—
2. Elizabeth Mellor	Wife	36	—	Married	3	0	—	—	—	—	—
3. Albert John Mellor	Son	14	—	—	—	—	Labourer on Farm	—	—	—	—
4. Emily Ambrose Mellor	Son	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Walter Henry Mellor	Son	6	—	—	—	—	Labourer on Farm	—	—	—	—
6. Frank Williams Boarder	Boarder	53	—	Single	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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(1) All the ages on this Schedule are correct; (2) the names are correct; (3) the persons are correctly enumerated; (4) I have compared their sum with the total number of persons, and have found it correct; (5) I have made all necessary corrections, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator: *AM*

Signature: *Ambrose Mellor*

Postal Address: *65, Barton N. Chester*

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor wardrobe, office, shop.  
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