

## Gilbert Henry Shawyer 1896-1915



28.09.1915 Killed France  
 Panel 15 to 19. Loos Memorial  
 Loos-en-Gohelle, Nord-Pas-de-Calais  
 Age: 19



Believed to be Gilbert Henry Shawyer

For his part in the Great War, like so many other men, 19 year old Gilbert Henry Shawyer was posthumously awarded three medals - The 1914 -15 Star, The British War Medal.(BWM) and The British Victory Medal (BVM) - he was never to see these or know the respect wearing them would forever bestow. These medals were sent to his next of kin after the war, along with a bronze memorial plaque. With the exception of the 1914 Star and the 1914 -15 Star which are not strictly campaign medals, no actual campaign medals were issued in WW1. Therefore it is very possible for a soldier to have served in major battles such as, The Somme 1916, 3rd Ypres 1917, Cambrai 1917, Arras 1917, Amiens 1918, etc and to only receive the BWM & BVM. Unlike WW2 when it is possible just by looking at the recipients campaign stars to ascertain the theatres of the war that he had served in. The 1914/15 Star Medal, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal were affectionately known by the soldiers as: Pip, Sqeak & Wilfred - characters in a comic strip which first appeared in the "DAILY MIRROR" newspaper on the 12th of May 1919. All three medals have the recipients name, service number and regiment or corps stamped in small block capitals on their edge or in the 1914 and 1914/15 Star upon the reverse.



The King's Arms in 2004

Born	Parents & Siblings at Home	Locations	Marriage / Other	Jobs / Rank
2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 1896 Paddington, London  <b>Siblings</b> 1893 Elizabeth 2Q1896 Gilbert Henry	William Henry & Ellen Maria, stepmother Ellen Jane  <b>1901</b> 1 sister  <b>1911</b> 1 sister	<b>1901</b> staying with uncle and aunt Richard & Emily Gomer in Park Lane, Filleigh, Devon <b>1901</b> Sep. starts school at St. Matthew's, Westminster Borough <b>1911</b> King's Arms, Tiptree <b>1917-1919</b> parents Bridge Street, Coggeshall <b>post 1921</b> parents Grange Hill, Coggeshall	<b>1900</b> mother Ellen Maria Gilbert dies 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep. <b>1901</b> father remarries 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug <b>1922</b> sister Elizabeth Dolby dies in childbirth with 2 <sup>nd</sup> child? <b>1946</b> stepmother Ellen Jane Chidgey dies reg. Braintree. <b>1947</b> father William Henry dies reg. Braintree.	<b>1896</b> father coachman <b>1901</b> uncle shoemaker <b>1911</b> father licensed victualler  <b>1914</b> Clerk <b>1914</b> enlists 17 <sup>th</sup> Lancers  <b>1915</b> Private G/6672 The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) 2nd Battalion