## First World War Service Record of Gerald Ogilvie Laing

The following is from the National Archives Ref WO 339/14775

Captain G.O. Laing,



"Killed in action - 6th June, 1917".

wrs. G.O. Laing (Wife), 129, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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## NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The information asked for	r below must be given in full.
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2. Date of birth (a birth certificate to be forwarded later).	1 01
3. Whether married.	Kes.
4. Whether of pure European descent.	yes.
5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.	British Born
6. Permanent address.	129 Jesmond Road.
7. Present address for correspondence.	129 Jesmond Road. heweastle on Igue heweastle on Igue
8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.	ho.
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## Extract from Letters of Administration. Probate of Will.

Dated 28th December 1917. Granted at D.P.R. Newcustle upon Lyne.

- 1. Estate of Gerald Ogilvie Lang of 15 Kingsland Newcastle on Tyne babt. H.M. army.
- 2. Date and Place 54 June 1917 in France intestals.
  - 3. Grantees Edith Frances Laing Wirdow Reliet of said Intestale

- 4. Gross value, £ 146 10 7.
- 5. Disposal of Medals -

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From: - The Deputy Adjutant General,
General Headquarters,
3rd Echelon,



British Expedtionary Force.

To:- The Secretary, War Office,
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.



Base, 20th November 1917.

Sir.

With reference to your 31193/3 (Accounts 4) dated 31.10.17, regarding the personal effects of the late Capt: G.O. Laing, Northumberland Fusiliers, I have the honour to inform you that enquiries have been made, and a copy of the correspondence is attached.

It appears that the Officer Commanding, 20th
Battn, Northumberland Fusiliers had no knowledge of the
recovery of the deceased officer's body; nor have any of the
effects been found by that Unit, or transmitted to this office.

No report of the burial has yet been received here, and in the absence of this information it would not seem possible to make further investigations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major-Ceneral.

D. A. G., G. H. Q., 3rd Echelon.

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15, Kingsland,
Jesmond,
Newcastle on Tyne.
Oct.17th

Dear Sir.

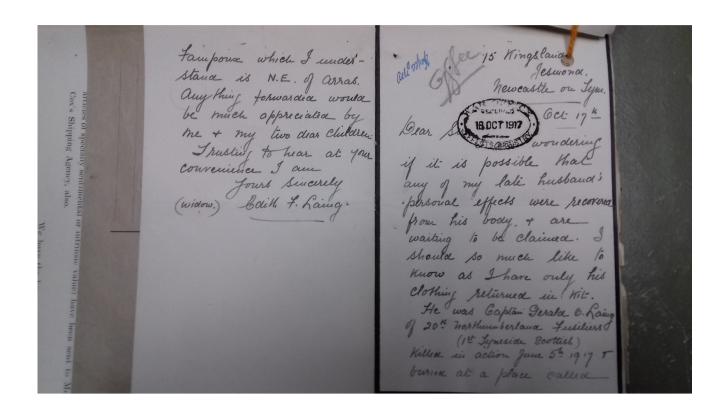
I am wondering if it is possible that any of my late husband's personal effects were recovered from his body & are waiting to be claimed. I should so much like to know as I have only his clothing returned in kit.

He was Captain Gerald O. Laing, of 20th
Northumberland Fusiliers. (1st Tyneside Scottish) Killed in
action June 5th 1917 & buried at a place called Fampoux
which I understand is N.B. of Arras. Anything forwarded
would be much appreciated by me & my two dear children.

Trusting to hear at your convenience I am Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) (widow) Edith F. Laing.





## FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Offic the least possible delay after receipt of notification of on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from official documentary sources.

CORPS

REGIMENT 20th Battn. Northumberland Fusiliers. (1st Tyneside Scottish).

Squadron, ) Troop, Battery or Company

Captain.

LAING, G.O.

By whom reported Officer Commanding Battalion.

Date of Death 5/6/1917.

DIED

Place or Hospital In the Field, FRANCE.

Cause of Death Killed in Action.

Place of Burial Not forthcoming.

State whether he leaves | Not forthcoming. a will or not.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

Capta Office at the Base.

GHQ., 3rd Echelon. B.E.F. Station and Date 15/6/1917.

15 Kingslauce. HESmoria Lyne Dear Sis Will you please note our change of address. My late husband Capt G. G. Lain must have omitted to notify you ou our removal here a year ago. Edith H Laing June 22 1917.