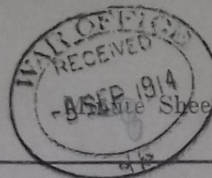


First World War Service Record of Percy Belcher Strafford

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 374/65967

Register No. 89436 / 4



Issue Sheet No.

Major P.B. Strafford, West Riding Regiment, has been reported as "Killed in action".

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5-9-14.

PRINCESS MARY
XMAS GIFT 1914
ISSUED
SEE 121/3995

EFFECTS AT COXY CO NO 103
To widow 22/11 89436/4

Widow engaged as to pension &c.

Send Form 66A strike out note (4) & alter (6)
to "State date of birth of widow" Form 66

R. J. B.
14/9

For award of pension see Min. 3. on
following sheet.

at
SMES
5/19/14

Min. 3.
OFFICERS' WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

HIGHEST AND INTERMEDIATE PENSIONS.

Register No. 89436/4.

Minute Sheet No. 2.

Name, &c., of deceased Officer Major Percy Belcher Strafford.

West Riding Regiment.

Rank for Widow's Pension Major

(page 456 Army List 7/14).

Date of Marriage 26th June, 1906.

~~Date of Retirement~~

~~Date of Commutation~~

Date of Death 24th August, 1914. Killed in action. (Vide letter attd.)

Rate of Half Pay attaching to Officer's Rank 9/6 a day = £173—7—6 a year. Ant. 221
P. W.

Name of Widow M^{rs}. Edith Mabel Strafford.

Amount of Gratuity £ 300

Born 16th September, 1878.

Rate of Pension and date of commencement) £ 140 a year from the 25th August, 1914.

and until further orders.

Jennie Constance Strafford

Born 28th June, 1907.

Orrell Hamilton Strafford

Born 13th July, 1910.

Born

Names of
Children

Born

Born

Born

Amount of Gratuity £ 100 each.

Rate of Compassionate allowances and date of commencement) £ 21 a year each from the 25th August, 1914.

and until they become disqualified.

Approved under Articles 654, 658, 667, 673, 674, Pay Warrant 1913.

Authorize Assistant Paymaster-General to issue. Debit Vote. 13 W. & G.

(Form 68.)

Inform widow

Return ³ Certificates, keeping necessary Extracts. Enclose
usual memorandum, deleting (4) & (5) thereon.
(Form 72.)

Inform Off. Fam. Fund and Patriotic Fund.

Cmhs
9/15/14

15/9/14

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At .M.

To

By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the WAR OFFICE.

(Signature) *Rupert Stewart*

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { *Mrs Shafford*
5 Palmerston Road *Dublin*

Deeply regret Beg to inform you

that *Major P B Shafford West Riding Regt* *Killed in*
action is replaced by Capt E R Taylor West Riding Regt
14 Sept through British Vice Consul at Istanbul & he buried at
Trasmes about 22 or 23 Aug.

FROM { Secretary, War Office.

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TO { *Mrs Strafford,*
5. Palmerston Road, DUBLIN.

Deeply regret to inform you

that *Major P.B. Strafford West*
Riding Regiment killed in action
no further details received Lord
Kitchener expresses his sympathy.

FROM { Secretary, War Office.

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55 Brunswick Road
Hove Sussex.

Jan^y 13th

Sir

I must apologise
for not having
acknowledged sooner
your kind communication
by command of His
Majesty the King in-
forming me that my
late husband
Major Percy Belcher Shafford
Duke of Wellington's (1st) Riding Co.
was mentioned in a

Despatch from Field
Marshal Sir John French
dated October 8th 1914
for gallant & distinguished
service in the field.

Tom's letter was forwarded
to me here from Dublin.
& just after receiving it I
was leaving Brighton for
a few days, & the letter got
^{put} away, so I should have
acknowledged it before.

I much appreciate &
am most grateful
for His Majesty's kind

thought- sympathy
with me in my loss.

I remain.

Yours truly

Emabel Strafford

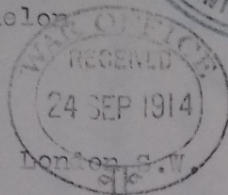
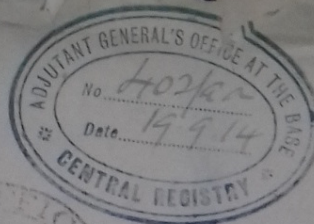
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From General Head Quarters

3rd. Echelon

To The Secretary

War Office, London S.W.



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British Expeditionary Force

19th. September 1914

Sir,

With reference to the death of Major P.B. Strafford, 2nd. Bn. The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regt.), I have the honour to report that information has now been received to the effect that he was killed at WASMES on 24th. August 1914.

No effects have yet been received by me.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

(so) 24/9/14.

~~cfs~~

as noted

(L) 25/9/14

H. Stanwell

Lieut. Colonel

for Deputy Adjutant General

General Head Quarters 3rd. Echelon

10250.

Exhumation in Wallonia.

Unknown.

1 Cigarette case, 1 Leather ?
with marking "P.B.S.". and
date: 10.10.1893., 1 Button
belonging to an English
soldier buried at Wannes.

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