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Robert Pepperdine 1868 – 1939

Robert Pepperdine. According to the WO97 papers was born c Feb 1868 in Lincoln, eldest son of Robert by his first wife Charlotte formerly Furniss, he was a plumber by trade, had served with 1st/1st Lanark Engineers (Militia) before enlisting in the Royal Engineers in Feb 1890. He was then 5' 6" tall, weighed 126 lbs, fair complexion, blue eyes, black hair, eyebrows met in the middle, mole on chest! He served from 1890-1911 and rose to Warrant Officer in October 1906 having served in Bermuda 1898-1900 and Jamaica 1900-03. He married Jessie Ann Nye on 24-9-1900 in St Marks at Brompton, Chatham and their children were Robert Thomas born 20-2-1904 (later a Lieut-Colonel, MBE) and Gladys Emma born 30-6-01. CSM Robert Pepperdine retired on 9-2-1911 to live at 35 Gardner Street, Gillingham and died on **7-4-1939 (copy death certificate) 20 Millward Road, Ryde, IoW at his sons home.**

A telephone call from a Major Henderson of Edinburgh revealed his interest in Robert Pepperdine and I sent him information and in due course he replied with additional detail as follows. Robert Pepperdine b Lincoln. Enlisted Royal Engineers (24638) 10 Feb'y 1890. Previous service 1 Lanark Engineer Volunteers. Trade plumber enlisted in London. Religion Presbyterian. Stated age 22. L Cpl 7 Mar 91, 2nd Cpl 1 Oct 93, Cpl 1 May 96, Sgt 1 Jan 1900, 59 company, CSM 24 Oct 1906, 59 company. Discharged 9 Feb 1911 on pension ? Company training battalion Home 10 Feb 1890-9 Dec 1898. Bermuda 10 Dec 1898—23 Apr 1900, Home 24 Apr 1900—25 Dec 1900. Jamaica 26 Dec 1900—23 Dec 1903. Home 24 Dec 1903—9 Feb 11. Father at enlistment Robert Pepperdine 4 Amberley Villas, Bowes Park, London. No campaigns LS & GC (with gratuity). Army order 254 of October 1908. Married Jessie Ann Nye 24 September 1900 at St Marks Church, New Brompton, Chatham Kent. (Mrs Moss-Davis, see later, says that Jessie came from a family of builders in the Lincoln/Norfolk area)

Education 3rd class 3 Dec 1890. 2nd class 28 Dec 1891.
Children Gladys Emma b 30 June 1901 Bermuda
and Robertum Thomas b 26 Feb 1904 Chatham.
Died 7 April 1939 20 Millward Rd, Ryde IOW.

He worked as the School Sergeant at Charterhouse School, Godalming, Surrey from the 1920's to 1938 when he retired Robert, died in April 1939 and is buried in Ryde Cemetery, Isle of Wight. Gladys Emma, died on 8th January 1988, she went to school in Gillingham, Kent.

I was contacted by Peter Sharpe of Redditch Worcestershire on 17th April 2000. He had read my article about the John Pepperdine who served in India and wrote to say that in the shop of a dealer friend was a medal which belonged to a Robert Pepperdine born in Lincoln. "I just thought I would let you know, it's a solid silver medal, Edward VII bust Army Long Service & Good conduct medal appropriately named. It's on sale at £55 which is a bit steep as the going rate is really about £48." The following is extracted from the school magazine "The Carthusian".

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First paragraph of editorial:

In our last issue we should have mentioned the retirement of Sergeant Pepperdine, which took place last quarter. He came to the school in Oration Quarter, 1917, and so was School Sergeant for 21 years. He had been ill for some months before his retirement and are very sorry to hear that his illness is still serious. We know that we represent the feelings of the School in wishing very sincerely that he may recover and enjoy a happy retirement; for he was universally popular here.

June 1939 Obituaries

The whole community at Charterhouse heard with deep regret, that our late School Sergeant, Robert Pepperdine, who retired last year, passed away on Good Friday. Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow and family. Sergeant Pepperdine's innate courtesy, his readiness to answer any question and give any help in his power, his cheerful smile endeared him to all. We all felt, as we saw him showing parents round the School, that few could have explained its beauty or expressed its atmosphere so well as this faithful servant of our great School.