

Fred JOLLY

Captain
2/1st Hertfordshire Yeomanry



Frederick Jolly was born in Withersfield, Suffolk, in 1896, to Thomas and Millicent Jolly. Thomas was a Farm Manager, and by the 1911 census, his family was living at Flamsteadbury. Frederick is shown as a Farmer at East Hall, St Paul's Walden.

Frederick had joined the Herts Yeomanry (Territorials) before the war, and when war broke out volunteered for overseas service. He served in Egypt, briefly at Gallipoli and then returned to Egypt. He was commissioned from the ranks in January 1916 and at the time of his death, was Acting Capt. in command of 'C' Company.

He was back at Colchester when he caught Spanish flu and died after several weeks of illness. He is buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Redbourn.

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GALLANT REDBOURN OFFICER'S DEATH IN HOSPITAL

Captain Frederick Jolly, Hertfordshire Yeomanry, youngest surviving son of Mr. Thomas Jolly, of Flamsteadbury, and of Mrs. Jolly, Redbourn, died in the General Military Hospital, Colchester, on Tuesday week from pneumonia. Captain Jolly was 32 years of age and joined the Hertfordshire Yeomanry ten years ago. When war broke out he joined up again on August 4th, and sailed for Egypt on Sept. 4th 1914, his comrade being Sergeant Walwyn Taylor, of Harpendenbury, Redbourn, who now holds the rank of lieutenant. The Hertfordshire Yeomanry went up to the other side of the Suez Canal in February, 1915, and had a little fighting, but the severe business at Gallipoli compelled

departure to that part of the great war soon on Aug. 15th, and Sergeants Jolly and Taylor arrived at the end of that stern campaign. Captain Jolly also saw active service in Egypt later in the year against the Senussi and took part in the engagement at Matruh on Christmas Day, 1915. On Jan. 30th 1918, both came home to this country having gained commissions in the 2/1st Herts Yeomanry for services rendered. He was unwounded during the whole of the war, but was in hospital at Gallipoli with illness. Deceased had been in this country since. Following an attack of Spanish influenza, he suffered from pneumonia on three or four occasions. Five weeks ago his fatal illness returned, the cause of death being pneumonia and pleurisy. Mrs. Jolly spent some weeks at Colchester during his illness. Great sympathy will be felt with her and her family, as since the war she has lost her husband and another son.