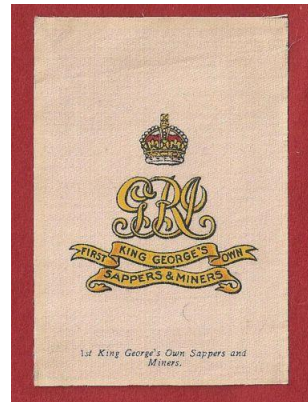


**EDWARD ABRAHAM JACKMAN GRABHAM, Corporal (Acting
Serjeant Major)
13123 Royal Engineers, 1st King George's Own Sappers and Miners**



Edward Grabham, born on December 24 1884, was the son of Abraham Grabham, a former Private in the Royal Marines Light Infantry, Plymouth Division. Abraham was married in 1880, while stationed in East Stonehouse, Plymouth, to a widow, Mary Spry, nee Jackman; she died a few months after Edward's birth. Abraham remarried and had seven more children, including Edward's half-brother William Henry, who was killed in Palestine in 1917 and is on the BSM War Memorial, and Fred and Frank, whose names are on the Survivors Memorial Board – four sons in the Forces; what a burden of worry.

Abraham was born in Otterford. He returned to the Blackdown Hills when he retired from the Marines, living in Meanwood and then Little Hill, so Edward went to school in Buckland St Mary for a couple of years, leaving in 1896. In 1901 he was living at home in Little Hill, and working as a Blacksmith's Apprentice, but by 1911 he was married, with a three year old son, and was a Lance Corporal in the Royal Engineers, living in Gosport. His wife Alice (nee Hayes) was born in Fareham; they married in 1906.

Our next glimpse of Edward is at the outbreak of War: on August 25 he was stationed in Rorkee, in Uttar Pradesh. This information comes from reading his Medal Roll Index Card in conjunction with the War Diary of the 1st King George's Own Sappers and Miners— his Service Records have not survived. He was by then in this regiment, and was serving (at some point in the War) as Company Serjeant Major. This Regiment was an updated version of a regiment attached to the Bengal Presidency. The Card has a series of numerical and alphabetic hieroglyphics which are hard for the uninitiated to interpret. 'EM' reveals that he was Mentioned in Despatches. A note dated after the War reads 'Under Secretary of State India Office forwards nominal Roll of entry to the Eml: 4.1.21'.

On August 31 1914 the regiment arrived in Bombay (now Mumbai). On September 2nd they embarked on SS Uralna, and, via Aden and Port Said, they reached Marseilles on September 26. By October 1 they were at Vielle Chapelle, Pas de Calais, near Bethune, and there they stayed until September 1915, when the 1st King George Sappers and Miners War Diary runs out. The National Archives appears not to have later volumes.

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House No.	ROAD, STREET, NO. AND NAME OF HOUSE	HOUSES (Numbered)	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Inebriate, feeble-minded
29	<u>Blackland St.</u>	1	<u>Mark Nicholls</u> <u>Head</u> <u>M.</u> <u>53</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>Compositor & Lithographer</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Birmingham</u>	
			<u>Anne R.</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>35</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>35</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Frank R.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>7</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>7</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
30		1	<u>Abdulla Beard</u> <u>Head</u> <u>M.</u> <u>30</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Blackland S.M.</u>	
			<u>Lucy M.</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>31</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>31</u>			<u>"</u>	
			<u>John M.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>3</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>"</u>	
			<u>Elise L.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>2</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>"</u>	
31		1	<u>John H. Hest</u> <u>Head</u> <u>M.</u> <u>25</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Mary B.</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>25</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>25</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>William G.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>3</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Hester G.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>2</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
32		1	<u>Abraham Spalden</u> <u>Head</u> <u>M.</u> <u>46</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Mary R.</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>40</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>40</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>William R.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>17</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>17</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>William R.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>16</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>16</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Arthur R.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>6</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>6</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>May R.</u> <u>Daughter</u> <u>3</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Frank R.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
33	<u>Malsham</u>	1	<u>William R. Hest</u> <u>Head</u> <u>M.</u> <u>28</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>Manager, Hest's Factory</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Mary Ann R.</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>29</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>29</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Robert M. R.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>11</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>11</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>Lucy A. R.</u> <u>Daughter</u> <u>2</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
			<u>William E. R.</u> <u>Son</u> <u>3 months</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>3 months</u>			<u>Blackland</u>	
5	Total of inhabited Houses and of those with less than five Dwellings	5	Total of Males and Females			15	10		

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NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of every person	BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person	INFIRMITY
Edward Graham	Head	27	Married	Labourer	Blackland	English	
Alma Graham	Wife	23	Married		Blackland	English	
Alan Graham	Son	3			Blackland	English	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in charge, or in charge, of this dwelling)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Edw. Graham Esq. R.C.

Printed Address: 10, St. James St. Blackland

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
GRABHAM	B B 1/K60) Sps & miners	Cpl CBM	13123
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S/4/69 ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 20 of 1919

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	13123	Cpl. ✓	GRABHAM. E. A.	S. 25-8-15 (5C)			
	13442	S/Sgt. ✓	TOWNSEND.	G. 7-11-14 (4A)	7-11-14 (4A) Tdd. (1921 K.T. 1913) L.T.V. 239/3 d- B.S. 24. 24/26/1914 Received N.A.I. 1/25.2/1923. 25/11/1923		
	14007	Sgt. ✓	ARTER.	G. 6-11-14 (5A)			
	14256	Cpl. ✓	HAMBLIN.	F. 7-3-15 (5C)	Retd - RA/B 238/10.10.23 B.H. 24/10/23		
	14783	L/Cpl. ✓	JENNINGS. T.	E. 3-7-15 (5C)			
	17550	Spr. ✓	HARDY.	A. 3-7-15 (5C)			
	18124	Sgt. ✓	WILBY.	S. 3-7-15 (5C)			
	18456	Spr. ✓	CHAMBERS. F.	J. 3-7-15 (5C)			
	18610	Cpl. ✓	SEYMOUR. F.	H. 3-7-15 (5C)			
	18900	Spr. ✓	NIKON.	H. 3-7-15 (5C)			
	26633	Dvr. ✓	WATTS. W.	R. 16-4-15 (1)			

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Decoration as detailed above.

Place _____ Date _____

Signature and rank of Officer certifying. _____

Lieu for Colonel (to R. E. Records)

1935

- COWLAND** Mary Jane of 65 Windy Nook-road Sheriff Hill **Gateshead** (wife of Ralph Gowland) died 24 July 1935 Administration **Newcastle-upon-Tyne** 9 December to the said Ralph Gowland retired miner and George Gowland haulage contractor. Effects £6092 8s. 7d.
- COWLER** Okey Robert of 60 Palmerstone-road Woodstone **Huntingdonshire** died 18 March 1935 at the Thorpe-road Hospital Peterborough Probate **Peterborough** 18 April to Amelia Cowler widow. Effects £588 0s. 3d.
- COWLETT** Harry Allen of 2 Somerset-terrace North-road Queenborough **Kent** died 30 January 1935 at 58 High-street Queenborough Administration **London** 15 April to James Arthur Gowllett general labourer and Albert George Gowllett electrical engineer. Effects £1142 12s. 9d.
- COWLING** Elizabeth of 62 John-street Workington **Cumberland** spinster died 10 July 1935 Probate **Carlisle** 8 August to James Gowlting butcher and John Neville St. George Curwen solicitor. Effects £729 2s. 1d.
- COWLLAND** Jessie Katharine of 96 Vineyard Hill Wimbledon Park **Surrey** widow died 25 February 1935 Probate **London** 29 April to Basil Leach solicitor and Horace Mervyn Whitcombe engineer. Effects £7993 5s. 9d.
- COWMAN** Emily of 16 Venetian-road Denmark Hill **Surrey** spinster died 10 May 1935 Probate **London** 8 July to Percival Allen James civil servant and Alfred John Connelly certified accountant. Effects £1863 4s. 6d.
- COWMAN** Florence May of 61 Regent-street Treorchy **Glamorganshire** (wife of Edward Thomas Gowman) died 5 December 1934 at the Llwynypia Hospital Llwynypia Glamorganshire Probate **Llandaff** 4 January to Caroline Rickinson (wife of Frederick Rickinson) and Mary Jane Thomas widow. Effects £41 9s.
- COWRIE** Harry of 2 Whitby-street Ancoats **Manchester** died 8 October 1935 Administration **Manchester** 1 November to Catherine Gowrie widow. Effects £950 9s. 6d.
- COWRING** Humphrey John of Hamden Stone Bethersden **Kent** died 12 December 1934 Probate **London** 8 February to Eileen Mary Summers spinster and Edward George Carmichael Gowring motor engineer. Effects £780 5s. Resworn £1009 12s.
- COWRING** Lilian Helen of Grittleton Rectory Chippenham **Wiltshire** (wife of the reverend Edward Alexander Gowring) died 30 August 1935 Probate **London** 6 November to the said reverend Edward Alexander Gowring clerk. Effects £673 11s. 1d.
- GOY** Frederick of Holland Fen **Lincolnshire** died 21 December 1934 at Cartref Ravenfield Common Yorkshire Probate **Lincoln** 18 April to Herbert Drage grocer and Arthur Holmes grocer and haulage contractor. Effects £575 8s.
- COYDER** Henry David of 93 Thurlow-street Walworth **Surrey** died 21 April 1935 Administration (with Will) **London** 5 October to Celia Frances Bonsall widow. Effects £134 8s. 9d.
- COYDER** Mildred of 21 Courtenay Park Newton Abbot **Devonshire** (wife of George Barrett Goyder) died 9 January 1935 at the Melvin Nursing Home Seymour-road Highweek Devonshire Probate **Nottingham** 12 April to the said George Barrett Goyder of no occupation. Effects £1626 15s. 5d.
- GOYEN** Alice Mary of 12 Florence Park Redland **Bristol** spinster died 5 August 1935 at the Homoeopathic Hospital Bristol Administration (with Will) (limited) **Bristol** 19 October to William Rhodes Lewis solicitor attorney of John Henry Herbert Biffen. Effects £114 18s. 5d.
- GOZNA** Charlotte Louisa of 208 Tufnell Park-road Islington **Middlesex** (wife of Frederick Louis Gozna) died 23 July 1935 at the Ravenswood Nursing Home Highgate-road Middlesex Administration **London** 17 September to the said Frederick Louis Gozna and Frederick William Gozna company directors. Effects £1502 12s. 6d.
- GOZZARD** Ellen of 17 Ivy-road Handsworth **Birmingham** widow died 2 March 1935 Administration **Birmingham** 24 April to Herbert John Gozzard fancy goods dealer. Effects £425 8s. 3d.
- GRABHAM** Edward Abram Jackman of 15 Quarters The Barracks Hertford **Hertfordshire** died 13 April 1935 at the Post Office Lee-on-Solent Hampshire Administration **London** 1 June to Alice Grabham widow. Effects £252 3s. 6d.
- GRABHAM** John of Hackland Cottage Culmpton **Devonshire** died 21 February 1935 Probate **Exeter** 18 May to John Grabham and Horace Daniel farmers. Effects £2474 6s. 9d.
- GRABNER** George Max of 56 Ronald-road Newport **Monmouthshire** died 16 October 1934 at the Borna Hospital Leipzig Germany Administration **London** 5 February to Annie Grabner widow. Effects £734 19s.
- GRACE** Charles Henry of Caradoc Brockworth **Gloucestershire** died 16 July 1935 at the General Hospital Cheltenham Administration **Gloucester** 17 September to Jennie Louisa Grace widow and Stanley Leighton Nicholas Garman private secretary. Effects £2544 6s. 6d.
- GRACE** Elizabeth of 15 Bowler-street **Sheffield** widow died 26 March 1935 Probate **Wakefield** 6 April to Harry Alfred Enderby company secretary. Effects £61 9s. 1d.
- GRACE** Frederick Kent of 86 Oxford-road High Wycombe **Buckinghamshire** died 11 September 1935 at the War Memorial Hospital High Wycombe Administration **London** 10 December to Harriett Freeman widow. Effects £125 3s. 4d.
- GRACE** George of Cut-road Brotherton **Yorkshire** died 13 March 1935 Probate **London** 28 March to Hannah Elizabeth Grace widow. Effects £331.
- GRACE** Henry of Dulce Donum Hugo-street Leek **Staffordshire** died 1 September 1934 Probate **London** 4 June to Geoffrey Grace builder and Harold Hulme builder's manager. Effects £41115 4s. 6d.
- GRACE** Herbert of Arrondale House Manor-road Ossett **Yorkshire** died 17 June 1935 Probate **Wakefield** 14 October to Edith Grace widow Norah Grace spinster and Ernest Grace dye works chemist. Effects £4115 8s. 2d.
- GRACE** Jessie of 16 Akeman-street Tring **Hertfordshire** spinster died 14 November 1934 Probate **London** 14 January to Frank Grace corn merchant and Christine Mary Lawson spinster. Effects £3831 14s. 3d.
- GRACE** Kate of 26 Montague-road **Leicester** widow died 20 August 1935 Administration **Leicester** 30 October to William Alfred Ernest Grace lithographic printer. Effects £1594 3s. 9d.
- GRACE** Kate of 159 Gladstone-road Wimbledon **Surrey** widow died 29 September 1935 Probate **London** 8 November to Herbert Batchelor retired brewer and Emily Elliott widow. Effects £4537 8s. 1d.
- GRACE** Laura Fanny of Waddington **Lincolnshire** spinster died 4 August 1935 Probate **Lincoln** 19 September to Albert Charles Black farmer and William Arthur Varlow retired commercial traveller. Effects £507 18s. 1d.
- GRACE** Lucy Elizabeth of 5 Southgate-grove Hackney **Middlesex** widow died 4 November 1935 Probate **London** 5 December to William James Dickens Grace motorman. Effects £268 2s. 10d.
- GRACE** Mary Alice of 45 Avenue-road **Southampton** widow died 9 January 1935 Probate **London** 19 February to Frederick Grace shipping clerk and William Grace sawyer. Effects £2266 2s.
- GRACE** Mary Eliza of 5 River-terrace Henley-on-Thames **Oxfordshire** spinster died 27 June 1935 at the Public Assistance Institution Henley-on-Thames Probate **Oxford** 18 July to Guy Stewart Blaker and Harry Rowsell Blaker solicitors. Effects £7192 6s. 9d.



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