

PRIVATE ERNEST EDWARD FOXON

Service Number: 458279

Royal Engineers

Died from effects of serving his country 18th November 1920, Aged 22

Burbage War Memorial

Family gravestone St Catherine's Churchyard ref: New ground 2 plot 55



Ernest was the seventh child of James and Catherine Foxon and younger brother of Sidney (see previous pages). He was born in Burbage in 1899. Age 18 in 1917, he would have enlisted by this time and served as a sapper with the Royal Engineers.

Ernest was gassed whilst on active service in France. Although Ernest survived the war and returned home, he arrived in Sketchley Road badly suffering from the effects of the gas and was a broken man. Only two years after the 1918 Armistice he died on the 18th November 1920. As part of the criteria established by the memorial committee Ernest's name was rightfully included in the east panel in memory of the men who died from the effects of the Great War.

The pension record card shows that the brothers' mother received a weekly payment of 6 shillings per week on the loss of her son Sidney in 1918. This payment is increased to 13 shillings and sixpence per week following the death of Ernest, money being no recompense for a mother's loss. The Family's other two sons Arthur and James survived the war and his father James lived to be one of the oldest surviving men in the village dying in the 1950's.

TRANSFERRED TO... S.B. 36-D... Regional No. 70/3229

Particulars of Man: Name FOXON Ernest Edward, Regt. No. 458279, Rank Pte, Address 15, Sketchley Lane, Burbage, Leicestershire.

Particulars of Claimant: Name FOXON Mrs Catherine E., Address 15, Sketchley Lane, Burbage, Leicestershire.

Particulars of any other person in respect of whom the said claimant has made a previous claim: None.

OTHER ACTION: DATED 21/11/1918 PA 2/6/18

Particulars of Awards: We have from 20-7-18, at 2d in respect of Sidney Charles Foxon until the death of (a) from 20-7-18 to 18-11-20.

Particulars of any Claimant who has preferred a previous claim in respect of the man: None.

Figure 137 Ernest & Sidney Foxon's mothers pension record card.

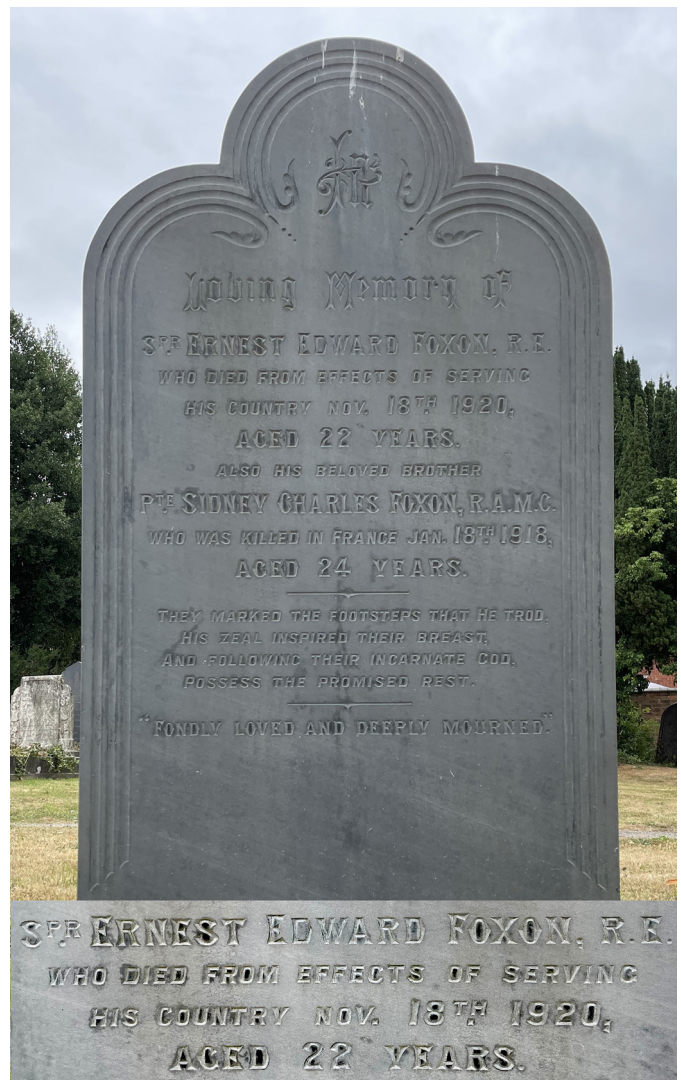


Figure 138 Ernest Foxon's Grave, St Catherine's Churchyard, also memorial to his brother Sidney Foxon.