

## ALICK SHORTRIDGE

1914 Star & Bar

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Army Medal Office rolls confirm the award of the 1914 Star and Bar, giving his date of disembarkation as 5 October 1914, and state that a duplicate British War Medal was issued 8 May 1924.

*Soldiers Died In The Great War* records that he was born at Ajmere, Rajputana, India, and that he enlisted at Umballa, while residing at Flimby, Cumberland. As a Boy he was awarded a Third Class Certificate of Education 15 December 1900, and received 1d good conduct pay 26 January 1902. He was appointed unpaid Lance-Corporal 22 February 1908. He was the second best shot in F Coy of the 2nd Battalion in the roll of marksmen for 1910 with a score of 157.

On 4 January 1911 he played in the battalion rugby team in their victory over the York Harlequins, and again in the victory over the Royal Engineers at Aldershot 6 November 1912. At the battalion rifle meeting held at Pirbright 25-26 June 1913 he won the regimental championship with a score of 67. He was posted to the Depot 19 July the same year. He was posted to the Army Gymnastic Staff (on probation) at York 15 April 1914, but returned to the 2/Yorkshire Regiment to accompany it to France 5 October as a Sergeant in D Coy. He was killed in action 22 January 1915 while the battalion was holding trenches at Fleurbaix. He is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial.

(Refs: WO 329/2440 p 126; WO 329/953 p 404

GHG vol VIII p 222; vol X p 54; vol XVI p 9; vol XVIII pp 56 & 181; vol XX p 148;

vol XXI pp 60 & 94; vol XXII pp 32 & 100

*The Green Howards In The Great War* [Wylly] pp 34 & 54)