

Pte. P. L. Marment

M2/281879, Mechanical Transport, Army Service Corps

Died aged 30 on 31 October 1918.

Son of F. W. Marment,

Husband of Mrs. E.M. Marment and father of Phyllis Verriour (b 1919).

Remembered with Honour at Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre

Commemorated since 2018 at Tewkesbury War Memorial



Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre



Army Service Corps

Pte. Philip Louis Marment died in the flu pandemic at Le Havre on 31 October 1918. He was born in Yorkshire in 1888 and was brother of Canadian Cpl. V.W. Marment, who had been killed at Arras in 1917. They were the sons of Frederick Verriour Marment, retired silversmith, who became Mayor of Cheltenham. However by 1911 he had retired to the Mythe to live at Uplands.

In 1911 both sons were living there with the family. Philip was a motor-engineer but moved to London by 28 July 1914 where he married. He was already a member of the *Army Service Corps*, logically as part of Mechanical Transport but he was not fully mobilised until 1917 and was visiting home in the summer of 1918.

Whilst serving in France as a driver, he was hospitalised with influenza & pneumonia from 21 January to 6 March 1917 after which he was granted 14 days sick leave. This proved only a respite since he was taken ill with the same problem on 26 October with a *temperature of 102.3 and "pains all over body"*.

His death typified the belief that it re-started in France, brought over by US soldiers, and was then returned to the UK via demobbed soldiers - who in turn infected their welcoming families. Some people recovered – famously PM Lloyd George and Kaiser Bill himself - but their constitution had not been affected by poor food and battlefield conditions.

Pte. Marment died at Le Havre on 31 October and is buried in the Ste. Marie Cemetery but his daughter, Phyllis Verriour Marment, was born posthumously on 23 March 1919 at Barnet in London. In 1940 she married Geoffrey C. Chamberlain and three children followed.

In 1917 his father had donated to the YMCA building which it still occupies.