

## **CECIL RICHARD MILLMAN, Driver 226190, Royal Field Artillery, 4<sup>th</sup> Training Depot, India**

Cecil was born on January 24 1896, or 97, in Pancrasweek, near Holsworthy in Devon. The Millmans were a Devon family; father William was born at Pancrasweek, and was farming at Puckland Farm in 1901. By 1911 the family had moved to Castle Farm, Buckland St Mary, but in 1910 William, aged 59, died, leaving the farm in the charge of his widow Elizabeth and oldest son William. There were originally 9 children in the family, but by 1911 four had died (the 1911 Census asked for this statistic). Cecil was briefly at school in Buckland St Mary, but left in 1911 when he was 14.

We then have no news of him till he was called up. This was probably in 1915/16, when conscription was introduced. Cecil was a Driver in the Royal Field Artillery. In the Absent Voters Register of 1919 "4<sup>th</sup> Training Depot, India" is added after his Regimental Number, but we have been unable to get more detail about this. At the end of the War he was awarded the British War Medal alone, which indicates that he 'had to have entered a Theatre of War or served overseas (perhaps as a garrison soldier)' - *IWM definition*

There's no indication in the papers we have of when Cecil left the army, but this usually seems to have been in 1919.

No certain mention of Cecil's name has been found in the 1939 Register, but a Richard Millman, a Motor Driver, married but without his family, is listed as lodging in a St Albans' hotel. The date of birth given is vague, but could indicate the right man.. No record of wife or children has emerged.





