

## Charles Frederick Ellison

In 1891 Emma Ellison, aged 14 years, was living with her parents and brothers in Gamston. Charles Frederick Ellison was born to Emma Ellison in Gamston in 1894. There is no identity to his father. She married George Costall in 1898 and in 1901 the couple are listed as living in Stanton on the Wolds whilst Frederick, aged 6 years, was living with his mother's parents in Gamston.

In 1911 Fred Ellison - listed as wife's son in the census - was living with George and Emma Costall in Adbolton and working as a groom in stables. That year on 23rd November he enlisted with the Royal Fusiliers as an army reserve but was discharged unfit for service on the 20th August 1914.



The Military Medal for acts of gallantry

Sometime later, possibly in the conscription of

1916, he returned to the army to serve as a sergeant with the Notts Yeomanry Machine Gun Corps. His award of the Military Medal for acts of gallantry was recorded in the Gazette on 11th March 1919 and, although not named on the Lychgate War Memorial, he is listed as serving with the 100th Bn.M.G.C. as an absentee voter in the Spring 1919 Electoral Register for Holme Pierrepont.

Fred Ellison married Nottingham born widow Mary Ellen Wilkinson nee Nash in Manchester. The couple emigrated to Canada to join his brother in law in 1923.

Charles Frederick Ellison died in Victoria, Canada on 21st March 1969.

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#### *Nottm.-Born People Aid Comforts Fund*

News of the good work being done through the medium of the Notts. Services' Comforts Fund has travelled far afield.

Among donations received to-day at the Council House, Nottingham, in aid of the Fund was a money order for 10 dollars and the accompanying letter, bearing the address, Merry-avenue, Lake Hill P.O., British Columbia, Canada:

" Please accept the enclosed donation for your Comforts Fund. My husband and I were born in Nottingham, married in Manchester, and we came here 18 years ago.

" During the last war my husband was Sergt. C. F. Ellison, M.M., South Notts. Hussars, and I was Sergt. M. E. Nash, in the Women's Legion Mechanical Transport, and now as civilians we are trying to do our bit to help in the best way we can until the time comes when we are needed.

" We are both in the same physical condition as then, thanks to an athletic life, and we are just as eager to serve.—Yours very sincerely,

" Mary and Fred. Ellison."

A letter from Mary & Fred Ellison published in the Nottingham Post 1st January 1941.