

Major Francis George Cursham

Francis George Cursham was born in Wilford, Nottingham on 6th February 1889.

In 1901 Francis and his younger brother Curzon were pupils at a grammar school in Ipswich, whilst their parents Henry Alfred and Frances Anne and sister Frances Irene were living at the Firs, Holme Pierrepont. Henry, Major Cursham's father, was a district agent for the Union Insurance Society and also held the record for scoring the most goals in the FA Cup when playing for Notts County in the period 1877 – 1887; he scored 49 and he also accrued 8 caps for the English national football team.



Francis's education continued at Repton College. He enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters on the 26th April 1909, followed by promotion to Lieutenant on 14th March 1910, Captain with the 2/8th Battalion on 4th August 1914 and Major on 1st June 1916.

Officers & Men of 'E' Carlton Company, 8th Battalion, winners of the Brigadiers Cup 1912.

The Cup was presented by the Brigadier Commander to the winning section in the Sherwood Foresters Competition on 30yds range. Front row centre is 2nd Lieut. Francis George Cursham.



During the Irish Rebellion of 1916 he was wounded by rifle fire when attacking the rebels holding Clan William House on Mount Street Bridge,

Dublin. Following an accident at Aldershot, he died of his wounds on 31st August 1918.

A military funeral was held at St Edmunds Holme Pierrepont on 5th September 1918 followed by burial in the churchyard.