HARRY BERTRAM CAINES

Private 2038

1st/1st Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment died on Friday 4th August 1916 aged 23

HARRY BERTRAM CAINES is buried in KANTARA WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY Egypt

Additional information in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register Son of Albert and Elizabeth Caines, of Hill View Terrace, Upper Wyche, Malvern, Worcs.

In the early part of the First World War, Kantara was an important point in the defence of Suez against Turkish attacks and marked the starting point of the new railway east towards Sinai and Palestine, begun in January 1916. Kantara developed into a major base and hospital centre and the cemetery was begun in February 1916 for burials from the various hospitals. After the Armistice, the cemetery was more than doubled in size when graves were brought in from other cemeteries and desert battlefields. Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, now contains 1,562 Commonwealth burials of the First World War Harry Bertram Caines is buried in Plot D. Grave 4.



The Malvern News

27th November 1915

Private H Caines of The Wyche Colwall was wounded at Gallipoli on 5th September 1915 whilst attached to the Machine Gun Corps. A bullet passed through his helmet into his shoulder. He was brought to hospital in Malta, where he went on military police duty. His father and two uncles are in the army and a cousin, Bdr J Freeman, RFA has already served at the front for 14 months.

Ledbury Reporter & Farmer's Gazette Saturday 26th August 1916 COLWALL NEWS Killed

Mrs Albert Caines Hilltop Terrace, Wyche has received news stating that her son Private Harry Caines has been killed. He was serving with the 1st Herefords in Egypt. His father is in the Army and is stationed at Cromer with the 2nd Herefords.

Ledbury Guardian & Malvern Gazette Saturday 2nd September 1916 COLWALL MAN KILLED

Private H Caines (aged 23) only son of Mr and Mrs A Caines of Hill View Terrace, Wyche, Colwall has been killed in action. He joined the Herefordshire Regiment soon after the outbreak of the war, and was in the fierce attack at the Dardanelles and was wounded on September 15th. Last February he was attached to the Machine Gun Corps.

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Harry Bertram Caines was born in Colwall in the son of Albert and Elizabeth Caines. Albert was a brewer's labourer and in 1901 they were living at Hill View Terrace. Harry was educated at The Wyche School. In 1911 Harry was boarding with his cousin Jessie Louise Freeman and her husband John in Hill View Terrace. Harry was a poultry man. He enlisted in Colwall and joined the Herefordshire Regiment, going out with the 1st/1st Battalion in July 1915 to Gallipoli. He was wounded in September 1915 and was taken to Malta. He rejoined his regiment and he was killed in action at the Battle of Rumani in August 1916. He is buried in Kantara and is commemorated on the Malvern Library Memorial. His cousin's husband, John Freeman was killed in France in 1917.