



JOHN WILLIAM HORRIGAN

of Deptford London

Wardour Catholic Cemetery, Wiltshire

Date/Place of birth	1880 Deptford	2
Birth registered	March Q 1880 Greenwich Reg District 1d 995 (John Jeremiah)	5
Baptised		
Father	Jeremiah Horrigan of Deptford	2
Mother	Mary Ann of Deptford	2
Siblings	Michael, Helen, Jeremiah, Garrett, Edward, Joseph	2
1891 Census	43 Hale Street, Deptford. Age 11. Father's occupation Dock Labourer	2
1901 Census	Not found	
1911 Census	40 Tanners Hill, Deptford. Age 31, married, 2 children, occupation Carman Builder's Merchant.	2
Wife	Edith Bertha (nee Good) of 49 Basildon Street Deptford. Married Dec Q 1896 St Saviours Reg District 1d 192	5
Children	Edith and John	2

Rank	Gunner	3
Regiment	Royal Field Artillery, 115th Brigade, B Battery	3
Enlisted		
Service Number	54492	3
Medals	None/Didn't serve in a theatre of war	
Date of Death/Age	7 February 1915 age 35	3
Cause	Accidentally killed (London County Council Record of War Service)	
Burial/Memorial	Wardour R.C. Cemetery, Wiltshire	3



John William Horrigan, Royal Field Artillery, died after receiving a stab wound to his heart at his billets in Mere Wiltshire on the night 7th February 1915.

Gunner John Edwin Allen, a soldier in the same regiment and billets, was arrested and taken into custody the night of the stabbing; he was charged with Wilful Murder at Wiltshire Assize in May 1915. The jury found the prisoner not guilty and he was discharged.

John Horrigan was buried at Bonham (St Benedict) Roman Catholic Chapelyard in Stourton Wiltshire on 9th February. By 1958, Bonham Chapel had closed and the building and burial ground was sold into private ownership. As a result, CWGC could no longer maintain John's grave, so his body was exhumed and re-buried at Wardour, the nearest Catholic cemetery to Stourton. Other than his re-burial, John had no connection with Wardour or Tisbury.

War Gratuity inadmissible insufficient service

HORRIGAN, Gnr. John William, 54492. "B". Bty. 115th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 7th Feb., 1915. Age 35. Husband of Edith Bertha Horrigan, of 49, Baildon St., Deptford, London.

An asterisked handwritten note at the top of the CWGC Grave Register page reads: "Unmaintainable (May 1959). Exhumed and reburied at Wardour Roman Catholic Cemetery"

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