

MARCHBANK Francis William



Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers

Sergeant Marchbank– 12346
11th Btn King's (Liverpool) Regiment

Sergeant Marchbank died on 15th September 1916 in the Battle of Flers-Courcelette when Flers, a village in the Department of the Somme, was captured by the British and Commonwealth Forces. It was entered by troops behind tanks which were used there for the first time and were an innovative new weapon. The village was lost in March 1918 and retaken at the end of August.

Sergeant Marchbank was buried at Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers. The cemetery was started four days after the village was captured in September 1916 but the majority of those buried there were brought in after the armistice from the fields between Flers and Longueval.

Francis' home was in Dublin and he came from a large family. His father was a printer but died before the 1911 Census. This census records that Francis was a litho artist living in Dublin. Prior to enlisting he worked in Lever Brothers general offices at Port Sunlight.

Other information

1901 Ireland census

Boosterstown Ave, Blackrock, Dublin
Robert Marchbank, age 73, printer
Margaret Marchbank, age 43, wife
Catherine, daughter, age 22
Emily, daughter, age 7
Sophia, daughter, age 15
Margaret, daughter, age 14
Francis, son, age 9
William, son, age 11

James, son, age 18, printer
Francis, son, age 9
William, son, age 11
James, son, age 18, printer
Robert, son, age 21, bicycle mechanic
Frederick Elson, age 21, boarder, cycle manufacturer
Arthur Poole, age 23, boarder, ironmonger's assistant

1911 Ireland census

11 Parkview Avenue, Dublin
Margaret Marchbank, age 54, widow William, son, age 21, electrician
Francis, son, age 19, litho artist, Sophia, daughter, age 25, Margaret, daughter, age 24