

CALLARD, Malcolm Ernest

Service Number

Rank 2nd Lieutenant
The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, 1st Battalion

Born January 1885, Willesden Green, Middlesex, England
Died January 25, 1915, Bethune, France

Occupation Farmer, Hilliers
Marital Status Husband of Margery Coomber

Prior to emigrating to Canada, Malcolm Ernest Callard's occupation was that of 'gentleman'. He served in South Africa during the Second Anglo-Boer War after which he was invalided home. He then travelled to Malaysia where he worked as a planter. His last known address was Hilliers, where he was a farmer.

Returning to England to enlist, he married three months prior to his death.

During the research on Malcolm Callard, some poignant details came to light via a prayer book found in a second-hand bookshop in Orkney. In the book was a letter written in 1916 by Malcolm's father, Ernest, and accompanied by photographs of them both. The letter was written to a goddaughter, the daughter of Malcolm's best friend; explaining how it came to be that he took Malcolm's place. The photos and letter can be seen here:

<http://buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk/casualties.htm>

Malcolm Callard was sent to France as a Machine Gun Officer and saw heavy fighting. On January 25, 1915, he was struck by a high-explosive shell that exploded in the midst of the ranks and died of his wounds.

Malcolm Ernest Callard was buried at Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France and along with his younger brother, is listed on a memorial at Little Missenden Church, Buckinghamshire.

Sources: Photo: [Buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk](http://buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk)
Imperial War Museums
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

