

The Pemberton Brothers

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Pemberton, Roger Busick

Captain, 7th (Service) Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and General Staff. Roger Busick Pemberton was born at Kensington on the 21st of July 1888 the second son of Busick Edmonds Pemberton, a solicitor, and Harriett Eleonora (née Mills) Pemberton of Coke's Green, Chalfont St Giles in Buckinghamshire.

He left Hazelwood School in the spring of 1899 for a seaside school in order to cure his anaemia and in 1901 he went on to Eton College where he was in Robert Penrice Lee Booker's house leaving in 1906. He served as a member of the Officer Training Corps and attended annual camps in 1905 and 1906. In October 1907 he went on to Trinity College Oxford where he was a member of the Oxford University Officer Training Corps Cavalry Unit from 1909 to 1910, and attending the annual camps in both years and the cavalry manoeuvres in 1910.

On leaving university in 1910 he was articled to Herbert Arthur Whately, solicitors of 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC. The partnership was dissolved on the 30th of June 1914.

Following the outbreak of war he applied for a commission in a New Army Battalion on the 4th of September 1914, for a commission in the Royal Naval Division on the 17th of September and for a regular commission on the 21st of September 1914. At a medical examination, which was held at Oxford on the 4th of September 1914, it was recorded that he was six feet tall and that he weighed 145lbs. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry on the 18th of September 1914. He was promoted to Lieutenant on the 3rd of November 1914 and to Captain on the 31st of October 1916. He served in the UK from September 1914 to September 1915 and then went to France until being transferred to Salonika as part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in December 1915 where he served until December 1918.

He was appointed as a General Staff Officer 3rd Grade on the 6th of January 1918, was transferred to the General List and served on the staff of 28th Division at their Headquarters.

On the 4th of October 1918 he left his unit and was admitted to 21 Stationary Hospital, Salonica suffering from double pneumonia which he had contracted following a bout of influenza. He embarked for Malta from Salonica on board the Hospital Ship "Glengorm Castle" on the 29th of November 1918 and embarked for England from Malta on board HMT "Royal George" on the 25th of December 1918. He relinquished his appointment as a General Staff Officer Grade 3 on the 4th of January 1919 and disembarked at Liverpool on the 5th of

January 1919 from where he was taken for treatment to the 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth Common.

He was demobilised at the Officers Dispersal Unit in London on the 5th of June 1919 and relinquished his commission on the same day, retaining the rank of Captain.

He was married to Lilian Isabel (née Drabble) on the 19th of April 1922 at Holy Trinity, Bishop's Road London; they had a son, Busick Charles, born on the 20th of January 1923 and two daughters one of whom was born on the November 24th 1926. They lived at Grove Park, Yoxford in Suffolk.

After the war he returned to his law practice as a solicitor and became a partner in the firm of Lee and Pemberton of 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2. He retired as a partner on the 31st of December 1938 but was still working for the firm as late as 1949. He lived at 2 Camden Hill Place in London.

He died at Blyth in Suffolk on the 16th of January 1962.

Pemberton, Thomas Blanchard

Captain, 88th Victoria Fusiliers (British Columbia), 50th Canadian Highlanders.

Thomas Blanchard Pemberton was born at Kensington on the 26th of April 1884 the eldest son of Busick Edmonds Pemberton, a solicitor, and Harriett Eleonora (nee Mills) Pemberton of Coke's Green, Chalfont St Giles in Buckinghamshire. He left Hazelwood School at Christmas 1897 for **Eton College** where he was in J.P. Carter's and Robert Penrice Lee Booker's houses leaving in 1902. While he was there he served as a member of the Officer Training Corps.

He joined the Honourable Artillery Company in 1904 and later emigrated to Canada where he worked as a surveyor and lived at Willow's Camp British Columbia. He joined the 88th Regiment of Volunteers in 1914 volunteering to go overseas on the 6th of January 1916 at Victoria in British Columbia. On the 6th of May 1918 he transferred to the Canadian Engineers with the rank of Lieutenant.

On the 7th of August 1919, while he was serving with the 11th Battalion Canadian Engineers, he announced his engagement to Ethel Pitts of Piermont British Columbia and they married shortly afterwards. They arrived back in the UK on board the SS "Corsican", landing at Glasgow on the 8th of October 1919. They had a daughter Margaret, born on January 27th 1924 and later another daughter, Jane.

He died at his home, Church Farm House, North Lancing in Sussex on the 26th of October 1954. His funeral took place at Brookwood Cemetery Church at 3.30pm on the 29th of October 1954.