

EDWARD SADLER

Born: 7th April 1901, Salhouse.¹

Enlisted: 21st January 1918 – Royal Marine Light Infantry (Private 20427)²



Medals: Not known

Demobilised: 15th November 1920³

Edward Sadler was born on the 7th April 1901 in Salhouse, the sixth son of Robert and Rebecca Sadler's ten children.

The Royal Marines Registers of Services have survived for Edward, and record that he enlisted with the Royal Marine Light Infantry on the 21st January 1918. His record gives his occupation as 'carter', and his religion as Methodist. He was 5' 7" tall, with dark brown hair, brown eyes, and a 'fresh' complexion. He gave his date of birth as 7th April 1900 (having added one year to his age) on his enlistment papers – the first entry in his record notes that he forfeited 76 days service, from the 21st January 1918 to 6th April 1918, as he was underage, being only 17 years and 9 months old when he signed up.

Edward appears to have spent the early part of his war service based at Portsmouth until the 7th November 1918, when he embarked on HMS *Carlisle*, a newly commissioned light cruiser. He served with HMS *Carlisle* until the 15th October 1920, with just a small period of service with HMS *Tamar* from the 1st October 1919 to the 19th November 1919. On the 16th October 1920, Edward returned to Portsmouth, and his service ended on the 15th November 1920, when he was discharged. His address on discharge was given as Raw Hall, Wood Norton. He was awarded a War Gratuity of £8 1s on the 28th October 1919.

Further research into Edward's family reveals that his father, Robert Sadler, was born on the 8th August 1865 in Honing, the son of James and Hannah Sadler, and baptised on the 22nd August 1869, in Honing parish church.⁴ Robert married Rebecca Bacon in 1893.⁵ She was born in Honing in 1872,⁶ the daughter of Charles and Mary Bacon.⁷ In 1901, Charles and

¹ FreeBMD, *Quarter to June 1901, St. Faiths, Vol.4b, p.105* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

² UK, Royal Marines Registers of Service Index, 1842-1925 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³ UK, Royal Marines Registers of Service Index, 1842-1925 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

⁴ FreeBMD, *Quarter to September 1865, Tunstead, Vol.4b, p.45* (www.freebmd.org.uk); 1911 census, Tunstead (Schedule 47) (www.ancestry.co.uk); Baptisms, Horning, 1869 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

⁵ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1893, Smallburgh Vol.4b, p105* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

⁶ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1872, Smallburgh, Vol.4b, p51* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

⁷ 1881 census, Honing (p.12) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

Mary Bacon were living at Raw Hall, Wood Norton; Charles was a farmer.⁸ He died in 1901, aged 70, and is buried in Wood Norton.⁹ Mary Bacon continued to live at Raw Hall with her son Robert John Bacon and his family.¹⁰ Robert Sadler died suddenly in 1922, aged 56, and there was an inquest into his death, which returned a verdict of *death from heart failure consequent on over exertion*. He had been trussing hay from 5am on Saturday morning with his son, Fred, when he collapsed and died shortly before 12 noon.¹¹ Robert is buried in Wood Norton.¹² Rebecca Sadler died in 1955, aged 82, in Hoxne, Suffolk, but is buried in Wood Norton.¹³

The 1911 Census for Tunstead records that Robert (aged 45, and a farm labourer) and Rebecca Sadler had been married for 17 years, with nine children.¹⁴ Edward is aged 9, and at school, and his eight siblings are:

George	Born c.1895, Honing. ¹⁵ In the 1911 census, he is aged 16, and a farm labourer. He died on the 19 th February 1916, aged 20, in Carlton, New York, USA. ¹⁶
Fred	Born 14 th October 1895, Ridlington. ¹⁷ In the 1911 census, he is aged 15, and a farm labourer. He married Anna Tebble in July 1916 in Wood Norton (Stanley Sadler was a witness), and he served in WW1. ¹⁸ He died in 1974, aged 79, in Essex. ¹⁹
Robert	Born 1896, Ridlington. ²⁰ In the 1911 census, he is aged 14, and a farm labourer. He died in 1912, aged 16. ²¹
Stanley	Born 19 th February 1898, Ridlington. In the 1911 census, he is aged 13, and a farm labourer. He enlisted with the Royal Navy in WW1, and was killed on the 15 th August 1918, when the ship he was with was torpedoed off the Dutch coast.
Arthur	Born 4 th June 1899, Ridlington. ²²

⁸ 1901 census, Wood Norton (p.1) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

⁹ *Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers*, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Burials, 1901 (p.130).

¹⁰ 1911 census Wood Norton (Schedule 195) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹¹ A report of the inquest was published in the Eastern Daily Press under the heading *Death from Over Exertion*.

¹² FreeBMD, *Quarter to March 1922, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.120* (www.freebmd.org.uk); *Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers*, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Burials, 1922 (p.131).

¹³ *Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers*, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Marriages, 1898 (p.132).

¹⁴ 1911 census, Tunstead (Schedule 47) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹⁵ 1911 census, Tunstead (Schedule 47) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹⁶ U.S., Find a Grave Index, 1600s-current (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹⁷ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1985, Smallburgh, Vol.4b, p.56* (www.freebmd.org.uk); England and Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹⁸ War Memorial, All Saints, Wood Norton.

¹⁹ England and Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

²⁰ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1896, Smallburgh, Vol.4b, p.64* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

²¹ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1912, Walsingham, Vol.4b, p.316* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

²² FreeBMD, *Quarter to September 1899, Smallburgh, Vol.4b, p.65* (www.freebmd.org.uk); UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848-1939 (www.ancestry.co.uk); England and Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

	In the 1911 census, he is aged 11, and at school. He served with the Royal Navy in WW1, and married Ivy Alice Pointen in October 1929 in Wood Norton. ²³ He died in 1985, aged 85, in Norwich. ²⁴
Elsie Mary	1903, Salhouse. ²⁵ In the 1911 census, she is aged 7, and at school. She married George Bacon in 1924. ²⁶ She died in 1982, aged 79, in Suffolk. ²⁷
Sidney	Born 1905, Tunstead. ²⁸ In the 1911 census, he is aged 5. He spent time working in Canada in the 1920s and 1930s. ²⁹
Charles	Born 1907, Tunstead. ³⁰ In the 1911 census, he is aged 3. He died in 1993, aged 85. ³¹

Robert and Rebecca's last child, Herbert William Sadler, was born on the 30th August 1912.³² He married Gladys M. Warnes in 1937.³³ Herbert died in 2011, aged 99.³⁴

After his war service, Edward emigrated to Australia in 1922, sailing on the S.S. *Baradine* on the 9th March 1922, arriving in Melbourne on the 28th April 1922. The passenger list notes that he was aged 21, and a farmer.³⁵ Edward went on to marry and raise a family in Australia. He died in Victoria, Australia in 1976, aged 75.³⁶

Edward, Fred, Arthur and Stanley Sadler are all commemorated on the war memorial in All Saints, Wood Norton, which records the servicemen who served and died, as well as those who survived, the WW1 conflict.

²³ UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848-1939 (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1929, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.253* (www.freebmd.org.uk); *Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers*, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Marriages, 1916 (p.105).

²⁴ England and Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966, 1973-1995 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

²⁵ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1903, St. Faiths, Vol.4b, p.97* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

²⁶ FreeBMD, *Quarter to June 1924, Walsingham, Vol.4b, p.626* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

²⁷ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1982, Ipswich, Vol.10, p.2308* (www.freebmd.org.uk); England and Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

²⁸ England and Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915, *Quarter to December 1905, Smallburgh, Vol.4b, p.50* (www.ancestry.co.uk).

²⁹ Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³⁰ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1907, Smallburgh, Vol.4b, p.49* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

³¹ England and Wales, Death Index, 1916-2005, *Registration August 1993, North Walsham*.

³² FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1912, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.150* (www.freebmd.org.uk); England and Wales, Death Index, 2007-2015 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³³ FreeBMD, *Quarter to June 1937, Walsingham, Vol.4b, p.639* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

³⁴ England and Wales, Death Index, 2007-2015 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³⁵ Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923 (www.ancestry.co.uk); UK, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³⁶ Australia, Death Index, 1787-1985 (www.ancestry.co.uk).