

SIDNEY ALEC WINTERBONE

Born: 10th October 1895, Wood Norton¹

Enlisted: 8th March 1915, Melton Constable: 2/1st The King's Own Royal Regiment
Norfolk Yeomanry (Private 2179)²



Medals: Silver War Badge



Discharged: 19th September 1916³

Sidney Alec Winterbone was born in 1895 and baptised on the 9th February 1896 in Wood Norton parish church, the youngest of six sons of William and Celia Winterbone (see Figure 1).

1896. 9 th February. No. 657.	Sydney Alec.	William & Celia	Winterbone.	Wood Norton.	Labourer.	Henry, C, Rogers. (Rector.)
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Figure 1: Extract from the Wood Norton Baptisms, 1896

Sidney's father, William Winterbone, was born in 1855 and baptised on the 21st October 1855 in Hindolveston parish church, the son of Robert and Martha Winterbone.⁴ He married Celia Holsey on the 24th December 1875, in Wood Norton parish church.⁵ Celia was born in 1855 and baptised on the 1st February 1856, in Hindolveston parish church, the daughter of William

¹ Baptism Register, Wood Norton, 1896 (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD Quarter to December 1895, Aylsham Vol.4b, p.80 (www.freebmd.org.uk). The FreeBMD records his name at registration as Sidney Alexander Winterbone; 1939 Register, Oxfordshire, Bicester UD, Enumeration District DYBB, Schedule No.341 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

² British Army WW1 Medal Roll Index Cards, 1914-1920 (www.ancestry.co.uk); British Army WW1 Pension Records, 1914-1920 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³ British Army WW1 Pension Records, 1914-1920 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

⁴ 1911 census, Wood Norton (Schedule 179) (www.ancestry.co.uk); Baptisms Register, 1856, Hindolveston (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, Quarter to December 1855, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.65 (www.ancestry.co.uk). The FreeBMD records his surname as Winterbourne.

⁵ *Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers*, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Marriages, 1875 (p.95).

and Charlotte Holsey.⁶ Celia died in 1932, aged 75, and is buried in Wood Norton; William died in 1935, aged 79, and is buried in Wood Norton.⁷

In the 1911 census for Wood Norton, Sidney is aged 15, a farm labourer, and living with his parents. William (aged 55, and a farm bailiff) and Celia (aged 49) record that they had been married for 35 years, had nine children, three of whom had died.⁸ The 1891 and 1901 censuses record Sidney's surviving siblings as:

William John	Born 1878 (Hindolveston), baptised 7 th July 1878, Wood Norton. ⁹ He married Alvina Kate Doughty on the 1 st October 1902, in Wood Norton parish church; Alvina died in London in 1904, aged 26. ¹⁰ In the 1911 census, William is aged 32 and a chauffeur in Cheltenham, living with his second wife, Sarah Ann, and their family. ¹¹ William appears to have died in 1944, aged 65. ¹²
Robert George	Born 1881 (Wood Norton), baptised 12 th June 1881, Wood Norton. ¹³ In the 1911 census, he is aged 29, and a railway engine stoker, living in London Road, Cromer with his wife and young family. ¹⁴ He married Kate Verona Welton in 1905. ¹⁵ He died in 1951, aged 69. ¹⁶
Horace Thomas	Born 1883 (Hindolveston), baptised 3 rd June 1883, Wood Norton. ¹⁷ In the 1911 census, he is aged 29, and a farm labourer, living in Wood Norton with his wife and young family. ¹⁸ He married Laura May Gibbs on the 19 th January 1904, in Wood Norton parish church. ¹⁹ He died in 1965, aged 81. ²⁰
Bertie Frederick	Born 6 th April 1885 (Hindolveston), baptised 10 th May 1885, Wood Norton. ²¹

⁶ Baptism Register, Hindolveston, 1856 (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, Quarter to September 1855, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.62 (www.freebmd.org.uk). The FreeBMD register records her name as Cecilia.

⁷ FreeBMD, Quarter to June 1932, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.87 (www.freebmd.org.uk); FreeBMD, Quarter to March 1935, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.87 (www.freebmd.org.uk); Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Burials, 1935 (p.132).

⁸ 1911 census, Wood Norton (Schedule 179) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

⁹ 1891 census, Wood Norton (Page 26, Schedule 26) (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, Quarter to June 1878, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.76 (www.freebmd.org.uk); Baptisms Register, Wood Norton, 1878 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹⁰ FreeBMD, Quarter to December 1902, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.249 (www.freebmd.org.uk); Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Marriages, 1902 (p.100); FreeBMD, Death, Quarter to March 1904, Kensington, Vol.1a, p.140 (www.freebmd.org.uk).

¹¹ 1911 census, Cheltenham (Schedule 115) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹² FreeBMD, Quarter to June 1944, Brentford, Vol.3a, p.328 (www.ancestry.co.uk); Ancestry Family Trees.

¹³ 1891 census, Wood Norton (Page 26, Schedule 26) (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, Quarter to June 1881, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.77 (www.freebmd.org.uk); Baptisms Register, Wood Norton, 1881 (www.familysearch.org).

¹⁴ 1911 census, Cromer (Schedule 58) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹⁵ FreeBMD, Quarter to September 1905, Mutford, Vol.4a, p.2141 (www.freebmd.org.uk).

¹⁶ FreeBMD, Quarter to March 1951, Yarmouth, Vol.4b, p.665 (www.freebmd.org.uk).

¹⁷ 1901 census, Wood Norton (Page 3) (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, Quarter to June 1883, Vol.4b, p.81 (www.ancestry.co.uk); Baptism Register, Wood Norton, 1883 (www.familysearch.org).

¹⁸ 1911 census, Wood Norton (Schedule 181) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

¹⁹ FreeBMD, Quarter to March 1904, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.153 (www.freebmd.org.uk); Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Marriages, 1904 (p.100).

²⁰ FreeBMD, Quarter to March 1965, N. Walsham, Vol.4b, p.686 (www.freebmd.org.uk).

²¹ 1901 census, Wood Norton (Page 3) (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, Quarter to June 1885, Aylsham, vol.4b, p.77 (www.freebmd.org.uk); Baptism Register, Wood Norton, 1885 (www.familysearch.org).

	In the 1911 census, Bertie is aged 26, and a groom, living in Wood Norton with his wife and young family. ²² He married Edith Mabel Elliott in 1907. ²³ Bertie enlisted with the Royal Army Medical Corps in Scarborough (he was living in Cloughton, Yorkshire) on the 2 nd November 1915. He saw service in France, but was discharged from the service on the 31 st August 1917, as no longer physically fit for war service. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He died on the 13 th August 1961 in Norwich, aged 76. ²⁴
Percy Albert	Born 1891 (Hindolveston), baptised 18 th October 1891, Wood Norton. ²⁵ Percy died in 1912, aged 20, and is buried in Wood Norton. ²⁶

The Baptisms Register for Wood Norton show that a daughter, Lily May, was born on the 16th May 1886, but died on the 1st July 1886.²⁷

Whilst the British Army WW1 Service Records do not appear to have survived for Sidney, the British Army Pension Records (1914-1920) have. They record that he enlisted on the 8th March 1915, and gave his address as Brush Cottage, Wood Norton. His age at enlistment was given as 19 years 4 months, and he was 5' 4" tall.

Figure 2: Medal Roll index card for Sidney Alec Winterbone

Sidney was discharged from the service due to sickness on the 19th September 1916, under Paragraph 392 xvi of the King's Regulations – *No longer physically fit for war service*. He did not see service overseas, having served entirely at Home for 1 year and 196 days. He was awarded the Silver War badge in August 1917. As he did not see service in a theatre of war overseas, he was not awarded the British War Medal or the Victory Medal.

²² 1911 census, Wood Norton (Schedule 180) (www.ancestry.co.uk).

²³ FreeBMD, *Quarter to December 1907, Swaffham, Vol.4b, p.1031.* (www.ancestry.co.uk).

²⁴ FreeBMD, *Quarter to September 1961, Norwich, Vol.4b, p.537* (www.freebmd.org.uk); England and Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration), 1858-1966, 1973-1995 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

²⁵ 1901 census, Wood Norton (Page 3) (www.ancestry.co.uk); FreeBMD, *Quarter to September 1891, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.92* (www.freebmd.org.uk); Baptism Register, Wood Norton, 1891 (www.familysearch.org).

²⁶ FreeBMD, *Quarter to March 1912, Colchester, Vol.4a, p.840* (www.freebmd.org.uk); *Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers*, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Burials, 1912 (p.130).

²⁷ *Transcript and Index to Wood Norton, Norfolk, Parish Registers*, compiled by Keith and Shirley Howell (February 2000), Baptisms, 1886 (p.39).

In the 1918 electoral roll, Sidney is still living at *The Brush*, Wood Norton.²⁸

Sidney seems to have done sterling service as witness (and possibly best man) to marriages of friends and family in Wood Norton. On the 19th July 1916, he was witness to the marriage of Arthur Rawling (a shoeing smith with the Royal Lancashire Field Artillery) to Ethel Susanna Bray (daughter of Charles Bray, publican of *The Sun*); and on the 23rd September 1924, Sidney was a witness to the marriage of his 20 year-old niece, Nora Grace Winterbone, to Arthur Charles Farrow (a game keeper in the village). Nora was the eldest child of William John, Sidney's eldest brother.

Sidney married Gladys Howard in 1925 (but not in Wood Norton),²⁹ and they went on to raise a family. In the 1939 Register, Sidney is recorded as living in Oxfordshire in the Bicester urban district, at 164 Buckingham Road, with his wife, Gladys. His occupation is listed as *Trade Union Organiser*. Gladys died in 1965, aged 68.³⁰ In 1970 Sidney is recorded as living in Chesham Close, Sutton (Surrey).³¹ He died in 1972, aged 76.³²

²⁸ First Register of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors, 1918; Polling District: Foulsham, Parish: Wood Norton (*Norfolk Heritage Centre, microfilm MF1038*).

²⁹ FreeBMD, *Quarter to June 1925, Aylsham, Vol.4b, p.163* (www.freebmd.org.uk).

³⁰ FreeBMD, *Quarter to June 1965, Oxford, Vol.6b, p.1026* (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³¹ Sutton, Surrey, England, Electoral Registers 1931-1970 (www.ancestry.co.uk).

³² FreeBMD, *Quarter to June 1972, Wallingford, Vol.6a, p.531* (www.freebmd.org.uk).