

Age	Name: Capt. (Acting) Edwin Rowland Watts DRAISEY 8th (S), Bedfordshire		
	Parents:	Edwin William DRAISEY (born about 1870 in Acton, MDX, ENG - died in 1959 in Ealing, MDX, ENG) and Annie Mary Pratt WYNN (born about 1871 in Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire - died in 1954 in Ealing, MDX, ENG)	
21	Life Range	23 Sep 1894- 15 Sep 1916	
	Marriage Status:	This person had no relationships and no children	
~-24	Abt 1870	Birth of Father:	Edwin William DRAISEY (born about 1870 in Acton, MDX, ENG - died in 1959 in Ealing, MDX, ENG). In Acton, MDX, ENG.
~-23	Abt 1871	Birth of Mother:	Annie Mary Pratt WYNN (born about 1871 in Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire - died in 1954 in Ealing, MDX, ENG). In Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.
0	23 Sep 1894	Birth:	Acton, MDX, ENG.
0	11 Nov 1894	Christening:	St Mary Acton, Middlesex.
7	1901	Census:	Acton, MDX, ENG. At 135 Shakespeare Road: Edwin W. DRAISEY, age 31, Railway Booking Clerk, born Acton, Middlesex Annie M. DRAISEY, age 30, born Stoke Poges, Bucks Annie E. DRAISEY, age 8, born Acton, Middlesex Edwin R. W. DRAISEY, age 6, born Acton, Middlesex Harold W. W. DRAISEY, age 3, born Acton, Middlesex Arthur S. DRAISEY, age 1, born Acton, Middlesex [Class: <i>RG13</i> ; Piece: <i>1202</i> ; Folio: <i>141</i> ; Page: <i>24</i> .]
17	1911	Census:	Brentford, MDX, ENG. At Station House, Lionel Road, Kew Bridge: Edwin William DRAISEY, age 41, Station Master, born Acton, Middlesex Annie Mary Pratt DRAISEY, age 40, (married 19 years; 6 children all living), born Stoke Poges, Bucks Annie Elizabeth DRAISEY, age 18, School, born Acton, Middlesex Edwin Rowland DRAISEY, age 16, School, born Acton, Middlesex Harold William DRAISEY, age 13, School, born Acton, Middlesex Margaret Eleanor DRAISEY, age 7, School, born Acton, Middlesex Audrey Kathleen DRAISEY, age 2, born Acton, Middlesex [Reference <i>RG14PN6917 RG78PN343B RD128 SD4 ED50 SN96</i>]
19	1913	Higher Education:	LONDON UNIVERSITY: Day Training College.
20	24 Dec 1914	Commission:	
20	30 Aug 1915	Overseas:	France.
21	15 Sep 1916	Death:	France. Killed in Action
21	15 Sep 1916	Reported Missing:	Yes.
		Burial:	Thiepval Memorial. Commemorated.
22	2 May 1917	Probate:	£137. To his father.
65	25 Apr 1960	Probate:	Father. £5958. To Arthur Stuart Draisey.
		Personal File:	339/5077.
		Ranker/OTC:	OTC: Pvte University of London OTC.
		Father's Occupation:	CLERK: Railway (Station Master).
		Occupation:	STUDENT: Education.
		CWGC Register:	Son of Edwin William Draisey, of Station House. Lionel Rd., Brentford, Middx.

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Father's Status: Living (Died 1959).

Brothers:

Harold William Wynn DRAISEY

Born 1898; died 1953 Ealing, Middlesex

Railway Clerk

Rifleman (4102; 471407) 1/12th London Regiment

Classified Machine Gunner and Lewis Gunner; 1st Class Signaller

Served Overseas from 5 Aug 1916 (France)

Survived (Service Record on Ancestry)

Address Station House Lionel Road, Brentford

Injured accidentally - fractured his arm during a football match near the camp in France on 20 Nov 1917 and returned home 4 Dec 1917. (Stated as "during training".)

Placed on Reserve List.

Discharged August 1919 direct from hospital following an illness.

Arthur Stuart DRAISEY

Born 1899; died 1984 Hounslow, London

Served as a Lt. with No. 20 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps

Awarded "Medal of St Stanislas" (Russia)

[<http://www.theaerodrome.com/aces/england/draisey.php>]

Sources: University of London Officers Training Corps, Roll of War Service, 1914-1919.

First Burial: Yes. Near Ginchy.

Brothers: Eldest of 3. 2: Rifleman 1/12 LDN (Accident 1917); Lt 20 SQDN RFC

Living Sisters: 3.

Decorations: Star.

General Notes:

Listed in "University of London Officers Training Corps, roll of war service, 1914-1919", p. 17 & 241

"Captain Bedfordshire Regiment; University College ... killed in action while leading his company in France on 15th September 1916; buried near Ginchy."

The Bedfordshire Regiment in the Great War

On the 13th and 15th of September the battalion were involved in a large assault during the Somme offensives of 1916 against a heavily fortified positions called the Quadrilateral, north-east of Guillemont. By the time they came out of the attack over 400 casualties had been sustained including 13 of the 16 Officers involved. Six Officers lost their lives during the fighting.

Killed in action 15th September 1916, aged 21. Edwin was born 23rd September 1894 in Acton, the son of Edwin William Draisey. In September 1913 he became a Private in the University of London OTC, remaining there until his application for a commission on 19th December 1914. Edwin was commissioned as a 2/Lt in the 8th battalion early in January 1916, trained with them and served on the western Front with the battalion from their arrival on the 30th August 1915. He qualified as a Machine Gun Officer, was promoted to a Temporary Lieutenant from 20th December 1915 and served as an Acting Captain from 13th August 1916, whilst in command of A Company, which he led during the assault. Captain Draisey was initially posted as missing believed killed, which was later confirmed (on the 29th September) as killed in action. Edwin has no known grave but is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial. Throughout his service, his parents' home was Station House, Lionel Road in Brentford, Middlesex. Edwin's record is held at the National Archives with reference WO339/5077, his officer's service number being 6985.

[<http://www.bedfordregiment.org.uk/8thbn/8thbntnofficersdied.html>]

On the same site **1916 War Diary**

[<http://www.bedfordregiment.org.uk/8thbn/8thbntn1916diary.html>]