

Name:		<b>Lieut Cyril Gower GARDNER 3rd Grenadier Guards</b>	
Age			
	Parents:	<b>Rev. Frederick Thomas GARDNER</b> (born about 1866 in Bromsgrove, WOR, ENG - died 9 Oct 1936 in Goldhanger, ESS, ENG) and <b>Ethel Mary "Poppy" POCOCK</b> (born about 1871 in Lee, KEN, ENG - died 13 Nov 1950)	
19	<b>Life Range</b>	<b>30 Jul 1897- 15 Sep 1916</b>	
	Marriage Status:	<b>This person never married and had no children</b>	
~-31	<b>Abt 1866</b>	<b>Birth of Father:</b>	Rev. Frederick Thomas GARDNER (born about 1866 in Bromsgrove, WOR, ENG - died 9 Oct 1936 in Goldhanger, ESS, ENG). In Bromsgrove, WOR, ENG.
~-26	<b>Abt 1871</b>	<b>Birth of Mother:</b>	Ethel Mary "Poppy" POCOCK (born about 1871 in Lee, KEN, ENG - died 13 Nov 1950). In Lee, KEN, ENG.
0	<b>30 Jul 1897</b>	<b>Birth:</b>	Maldon, Essex.
4	<b>1901</b>	<b>Census:</b>	Goldhanger, ESS, ENG. At the Rectory: <b>GARDNER</b> , Frederick Thomas, 35, Clergyman C of E, born Bromsgrove, Worcestershire Ethel May, 30, born Lee, Kent Eustace Frederick, 6, born Goldhanger, Essex <b>Cyril Gower</b> , 3, born Goldhanger, Essex Angela Mary, 9 months, born Goldhanger, Essex POCOCK, Mary, 55, Mother-in-law, born Wisbech, Camb. (Plus 5 servants) [RG13; Piece: 1693; Folio: 15; Page: 4]
14	<b>1911</b>	<b>Census:</b>	Maldon, Essex. At the Rectory Goldhanger: <b>GARDNER</b> , Frederick Thomas, 46, Clergyman, born Bromsgrove, Worcestershire Ethel Mary, 40, born Wisbech, Cambridge Eustace Frederick, 16, student, born Goldhanger, Essex <b>Cyril Gower</b> , 14, student, born Goldhanger, Essex Angela Mary, 10, born Goldhanger, Essex Humphrey B?, 6, born Goldhanger, Essex Ethel Cynthia, 4, born Goldhanger, Essex POCOCK, Mary, 64, Mother-in-law, born Wisbech, Camb. (Plus 3 servants) [RG14PN10218 RG78PN537 RD196 SD3 ED10 SN2]
18	<b>15 Sep 1915</b>	<b>Commission:</b>	
19	<b>Aug 1916</b>	<b>Overseas:</b>	
19	<b>15 Sep 1916</b>	<b>Death:</b>	France.
		<b>Burial:</b>	Thiepval Memorial.
19	<b>25 Oct 1916</b>	<b>Times Biography:</b>	Summary. ...recently returned as "missing believed killed" now reported KIA 15 September 1916, age 19 years. Elder surviving son of Rev. Frederick & Mrs Gardner of Goldhanger Rectory, Witham Essex. Educated at Bilton Grange, Stubbington House and at Haileybury College. Passed into Sandhurst April 1915 where he was Sergeant of his company. Joined the Guards September 1915 and promoted Lieutenant. To the front August 1916 and in action September 14-17.
39	<b>22 Mar 1937</b>	<b>Probate:</b>	Father. £521.

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<b>OTC:</b>	JNR: Haileybury (L/Cpl); Sandhurst.
<b>Keywords:</b>	Regular Army Officer.
<b>Mother's Status:</b>	ALIVE: died 1950.
<b>Father's Occupation:</b>	REL: Anglican Minister.
<b>Father's Status:</b>	<p>ALIVE: died 1936.</p> <p>Rector of Goldhanger and Lt Totham from 1893 to 1936, he was the last of the prosperous rectors to hold the Perpetual Advowson of the joint Goldhanger and Little Totham Benefice, owning the Rectory and the surrounding Glebe land.</p> <p>Despite suffering from motor neurone disease for much of his life he was a great traveller and one of the group of Goldhanger residents who went to Spitzbergen several times to prospect for minerals from 1904 onwards. He was a man of strong convictions, preaching from his wheelchair in St Peters and writing in the parish magazine with great passion. He lost one of his sons in the Great war and was largely responsible for the building of what <i>The Times</i> in 1939 referred to as "the impressive and noble war memorial" in front of the Church.</p> <p>This and more information at <a href="http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/St-Peters.htm">http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/St-Peters.htm</a>.</p> <p>There was an obituary in the <i>Times</i> 13 Oct 1936</p>
<b>Age Diff Parents:</b>	5.
<b>School:</b>	Haileybury.
<b>Higher Education:</b>	Sandhurst.
<b>Occupation:</b>	ARMY: Cadet.
<b>Siblings:</b>	<p><b>Eustace Frederick GARDNER</b> , born 1894, died 11 Dec 1912 Eastbourne, Sussex. [Probate to his father 19 Jan 1914.]</p> <p><b>Angela Mary GARDNER</b> , born 1901 Goldhanger, Essex, died 1971 Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk Married 1927 Maldon, John Francis H. TIMINS (he was born abt 1903 and died Oct 1999 North Cotswolds , Gloucestershire).</p> <p><b>Humphrey Boucher GARDNER</b> , born 1904, died 1981 Colchester, Essex [Too young for service]. Married 1933 St George Hanover Squ. London, Winifred J. NELSON.</p> <p><b>Ethel Cynthia GARDNER</b> , born 1907 Goldhanger, Essex An executrix of her mother's will. Unmarried 1950. [LG]</p>
<b>CWGC Register:</b>	Died 14 September 1916. Grenadier Guards 3rd Battalion.
<b>Brothers:</b>	2nd of 3.
<b>Personal File:</b>	339/56606.

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**Sources:** Haileybury Register 1862-1983.

**Memorials:** Goldhanger, Essex; Sandhurst Memorial Chapel.

**In Memoriams:** 1917-18, 1921, 1938.

**Living Sisters:** 2.

General Notes:

From *Goldhanger Past*

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**Cyril Gardner** Lieutenant 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Grenadier Guards. Died 14 September 1916. Age unknown. Son of the Revd. Gardner, Rectory of Goldhanger and Little Totham at the time. Commemorated on Pier and Face 8D of the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme he being one of the 72,000 officers and men who have no known grave. The East window in Little Totham church shown here is a memorial to him.

Parish Magazine November 1916: The Rector writes Dear People, I desire to thank you for your many expressions of sympathy with me and my dear wife in our grief. It was unfortunate that it happened to come just at a time when I had so little strength to stand against it. We have received many letters (over 400) all expressing sympathy, or eloquent in appreciation, including a number from Officers and Men of the Grenadier Guards. I am glad to know so many were present at his Requiem that Saturday morning.

The following obituary from the "Morning Post" was also reproduced:

Lieutenant CYRIL GOWER GARDNER, Grenadier Guards (recently returned as missing, believed killed, and now officially reported killed in action, September 15) was the elder of the surviving sons of the Rev. Frederick and Mrs. (Ethel Mary) Garner, of Goldhanger Rectory, Witham, Essex. After being educated at Bilton Grange, Stubbington House, and Haileybury College, he passed into the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in April last year, where he became sergeant of his company. He joined the Grenadier Guards as second lieutenant on September 15th, and received promotion to Lieutenant from that date. He went out to the front last August, and took part with the Guards Brigade in the successful advance of September 14th, and was killed on the 15th (the first anniversary of his joining) almost instantaneously from a bullet wound. During his short career he had become a popular young officer, and his Colonel speaks of the great promise he showed. In writing of the battle on that day a brother officer says: "No officer there went forward more bravely or more resolutely to do his duty than he did," and regrets that "such a charming-personality has been lost to the regiment."

A Memorial Service was held at Goldhanger Church simultaneously with the service for the fallen officers and men of the Grenadier Guards held in London. Lieutenant Gardner was nineteen years of age.

Parish magazine January 1917:

H.M. the King has been graciously pleased to send the Rector the following telegram:

"Buckingham Palace. November 27th.

The King and Queen deeply regret to learn that it is now officially confirmed that your son who was previously reported as missing has fallen in the service of his Country. Their Majesties deplore the loss which you and the Country have sustained and truly sympathize with you in your sorrow.

Keeper of the Privy Purse"

<http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Great-War.htm>

Commemorated on the Goldhanger War Memorial, Maldon, Essex. See:

<http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/St-Peters.htm>