

	Name:	2/Lt William James GARDNER 1st Leicestershire att'd West Yorkshire Regiment	
Age	Parents:	Henry GARDNER (born about 1839 in DUR, ENG - died in 1907 in Houghton Le Spring, DUR, ENG) and Lillias (Elizabeth) HUTCHINSON (born about 1841 in Shincliffe, DUR, ENG - died in 1918 in Sunderland, Northumberland)	
33	Life Range	29 May 1883- 26 Sep 1916	
~-44	Abt 1839	Birth of Father:	Henry GARDNER (born about 1839 in DUR, ENG - died in 1907 in Houghton Le Spring, DUR, ENG). In DUR, ENG.
~-42	Abt 1841	Birth of Mother:	Lillias (Elizabeth) HUTCHINSON (born about 1841 in Shincliffe, DUR, ENG - died in 1918 in Sunderland, Northumberland). In Shincliffe, DUR, ENG.
-12	1871	Census:	Moorsley, DUR, ENG. Moorsley: Henry GARDNER , 31, Coal Miner, born Rainton West, Durham Lillias, 29, born Elvet, Durham Barbra A., 8, born Rainton West, Durham [<i>Born 1862, Houghton Reg. District</i>] Jane, 6, Rainton West, Durham [<i>Married abt 1891, Thomas ROWELL</i>] Isabella, 4, Rainton West, Durham [<i>Married 1888, John Henry BURNHAM, Houghton Reg. District</i>] Elizabeth, 2, born Rainton West, Durham Henrietta, 9 months, born Rainton West, Durham [<i>Married 1891, Robert BLAND, Houghton Reg. District</i>] RG10; Piece: 4985; Folio: 61; Page: 33; GSU roll: 847436
-2	1881	Census:	Family. Moorsley, DUR, ENG. 34 Low Moorsley: Henry GARDNER , 42, Coal Miner, born Moorsley Lillias, 39, born Shincliffe, Durham Barbara, 19, born Moorsley [<i>Married Arthur B. BROCK, 1889</i>] Elizabeth, 12, born Moorsley Henrietta, 10, born Moorsley [<i>Married Robert BLAND, 1891</i>] Henry, 8, born Moorsley Mary, 6, born Moorsley Lillias, 4, born Moorsley [<i>Died 1889</i>] Annie, 2, born Moorsley Margaret, 3 months, born Moorsley [<i>Died 1887</i>] RG11; Piece: 4976; Folio: 131; Page: 27; GSU roll: 1342197
0	29 May 1883	Birth:	Low Moorsley, DUR, ENG.
6	29 Sep 1889	Birth of Spouse:	Theresa Elsie PALSER (born 29 Sep 1889 in Lydney, GLS, ENG).
8	1891	Census:	Moorsley, DUR, ENG. GARDNER , Henry, 52, Coal Miner & Publican, born Moorsley Lily, 50, born Moorsley Mary, 16, born Moorsley Wm James, 7, Scholar, born Low Moorsley RG12; Piece: 4118; Folio: 15; Page: 23; GSU roll: 6099228
18	1901	Census:	Caterham, SRY, ENG. District Guard's Depot, The Barracks: William GARDNER , 18, Soldier, Private Coldstream Guards, born Low Morley, Durham RG13; Piece: 634; Folio: 63; Page: 23. [Father] 36 Low Moorsley, Durham: Henry GARDNER, Retired Coal Hewer, widower (sic), born Moorsley, Durham. RG13; Piece: 4697; Folio: 21; Page: 21
17	26 Feb 1901	Enlistment:	
24	1907	Death of Father:	Henry GARDNER (born about 1839 in DUR, ENG - died in 1907 in

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			Houghton Le Spring, DUR, ENG).
28	1911	Census:	Corps of Commissionaires, 22 Maiden Lane, St Paul Covent Garden, LDN: William James GARDNER , 27, Single, Clerk Messenger (Company Promoters Worker), born Low Moorsely, Durham <i>RG14; Piece: 1193</i> His mother (a widow) was with her daughter Isabella BURNHAM and family in Shotton, Durham <i>RG14; Piece: 30009</i> (Wife) 102/106 King's Road Chelsea, London PALSER, Theresa Elsie , 21, Assistant Milliner, born Lydney Glos
30	1913	Marriage:	His wife re-married in 1920. No evidence of children.
30	20 Sep 1913	Marriage:	Theresa Elsie PALSER (born 29 Sep 1889 in Lydney, GLS, ENG). In Swindon, Wiltshire.
		Children	This couple had no children
31	8 Dec 1914	Overseas:	
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32	23 Dec 1915	Commission:	LG, 21 Jan 1916, p. 847: Company Quarter Master Sarjeant William James Gardner, appointed 2/Lt Leicester Reg, from Coldstream Guards, 23/12/1915.
32	Jan 1916	War Diary:	1/Leicester War Diary. Joined 1/Leics in Jan 1916, from 1st Coldstream Guards. [From GWF]
32	From Feb to Apr 1916	War Diary:	1/Leicester War Diary. William James Gardner - on the Roll of officers in February, March (in A Coy), and April (A Coy).
32	19 Apr 1916	War Diary:	1/Leicester War Diary. 2nd Lt J. G (sic) Gardner Commandant 6th Division NCO School, Poperinghe, 19/4/1916. [?]
33	28 Jul 1916	War Diary:	1/Leicester War Diary. Lt (sic) Gardner transferred to 18th Brigade.
33	15 Sep 1916	War Diary:	1/Leicester War Diary. "... and 2nd Lt J. G. (sic) Gardner were all wounded and subsequently died." [There are no listings for a 2/Lt J. G. Gardner on CWGC.]
33	15 Sep 1916	Wounded:	
33	26 Sep 1916	Death:	France. DOW: CWGC states he died 26/09/1916.
		Burial:	Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme, France. II. D. 34
36	22 Jul 1919	Medal Index Card:	(1) Campaign Card. D. J. Gardner (sic), DOW 26 Sept 1916. Mrs E. Gardner makes application, address 26 Finsbury Pavement , London.
36	14 Feb 1920	Wife Remarried:	Stanley John THOMSON. Glasgow, LKS, SCT. Theresa Elsie GARDNER, widow, 30, of 76 Finsbury Pavement , daughter of Albert Palser, Railway Wagon Inspector to Stanley John THOMSON, 30, bachelor of 50 Hammersmith Road , Pawnbroker, son of David (dec).

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Personal File:	339/53209.
Ranker PreWar:	Coldstream Guards. Sgt 4100.
Mother:	ALIVE: died 1918.
Father's Occupation:	WORKER: Coal Miner & Publican.
Father's Status:	DEAD: died 1907.
Occupation:	ARMY: Regular Soldier previously Pitman.
Brothers:	Youngest of 2. Henry GARDNER , born abt 1873, Moorsley Durham Too old.
Medal Index Card:	(2). Two applications for medals: (1) Miss L. Marsh on behalf of the mother of the late 2/Lt W. J. Gardner (2) Mrs T. E. Thomson (formerly Gardner) [<i>Theresa Elsie</i>] Addresses: (1) 7 Varney Street Tunbridge Wells, Kent (crossed out) (2) 50 Hammersmith Rd. , Kensington, W. [<i>Theresa Elsie's 2nd husband's address</i>]
CWGC Register:	W. J. GARDNER. Second Lieutenant Leicestershire Regiment 1st Bn. attd West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own); Died 26/09/1916.
Ranker 1914 +:	Reservist 1909 Coldstream Guards; Mobilized 5 Aug 1914.
Siblings:	7 known sisters. See Census extracts.
Decorations:	Star.

General Notes:

Still some queries concerning this officer and his family but I think I now have it right.

His mother is stated as 'Lizzie' not "Lily or Lilius" in his SR.

Query from M. Durey:

There are two MICs on Ancestry, one for William J. Gardner, 4100 Sjt C. Gds and 2/Lt Leic Reg. In France from 8/12/1914. Commissioned Leics 23/12/1915. NO EVID OF DEATH. On reverse side: 'Miss L. Marsh applies for medals on behalf of the mother of the late 2/Lt W.J. Gardner. App. For medals from **Mrs T (?) E. Thomson (formerly Gardner)**.

Two addresses (1st crossed out): (1) 7 Varney St, Tunbridge Wells, Kent; (2) **50 Hammersmith Rd**, Kensington, W.

The second MIC is a 1914-1915 campaign card. It is for D. G. Gardner. Coy QMS Coldstream Guards and 2/Lt Leics Reg. It has '**Died of Wounds Sept 26th 1916**' (the CWGC date of WJG's death). Next to Theatre of War it has: '**France Dec 8th 1916**' [a clerical error?]. On the reverse side: "Mrs E. Gardner makes application 22/7/19". Address: **26 Finsbury Pavement**, London, EC2.

There is no MIC for a WJG, West Yorkshire Regiment and no evidence that there were two Gardners in the 1/Leicesters.

[My Note - Check Spelling e.g. 'GARDINER']

His wife requested his body be repatriated. [SR]