

	Name:	Capt Geoffrey George GUNNIS MC, 3rd Grenadier Guards	
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	Parents:	Francis George GUNNIS (born about 1862 in Glasgow, LKS, SCT - died 26 Oct 1932 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, ENG) and Ivy Marian STREATFIELD (born about 1870 in Chiddingstone, KEN, ENG - died 27 Aug 1960 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, ENG)	
20	Life Range	7 May 1896-13 Oct 1916	
	Marriage Status:	This person never married and had no children	
~-34	Abt 1862	Birth of Father:	Francis George GUNNIS (born about 1862 in Glasgow, LKS, SCT - died 26 Oct 1932 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, ENG). In Glasgow, LKS, SCT.
~-26	Abt 1870	Birth of Mother:	Ivy Marian STREATFIELD (born about 1870 in Chiddingstone, KEN, ENG - died 27 Aug 1960 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, ENG). In Chiddingstone, KEN, ENG.
0	7 May 1896	Birth:	Chelsea, London, ENG.
0	9 Jun 1896	Christening:	St George Hanover Square, London, ENG.
13	1909-1913	OTC:	JNR: Eton Pvt.
15	1911	Census:	Clyne, Sutherland, SCT. [<i>Geoffrey probably at Eton but can't locate him.</i>] Francis G. GUNNIS , 49, East India Merchant, Employer, born Glasgow Lanarkshire Ivy M., 41, married 15 years; 3 children all living, born England Rupert, 12, School, born England Nigel, 7, Scholar at home, born England (Plus a visitor and 7 Servants)
18	30 Jan 1915	Commission:	
19	26 Jul 1915	Overseas:	
20	15 Sep 1916	Wounded:	
20	13 Oct 1916	Death:	France.
		Burial:	St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France.
20	2 Dec 1916	Probate:	£601. To his father.
36	27 Feb 1933	Probate:	Father. Scotland.
		Siblings:	Rupert Forbes Gunnis , born 1899 died 1965 Pvte 30145, Grenadier Guards. Enlisted 11 April 1917, discharged 6 March 1918 (MIC) A collector and historian of British sculpture. Nigel Erie Murray Gunnis , born 1904 died 1986 Too young for service.
		Memorials:	Gunnis Memorial Plaque Location: Clyne Church of Scotland, Victoria Road (A9) Brora OS Ref: NC 905 042 The Gunnis family owned the Gordonbush Estate near Loch Brora. Their only (sic) son, an old Etonian died in France.

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GUNNIS, Geoffrey George. M.C.
 Rank: Temporary Captain
 Unit: 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards
 Died: Died of wounds 13.10.16 in Hospital, Rouen. Wounded 15.9.16
 Age: 20.
 Parents: Francis George and Ivy Gunnis of 1 Sloane Gardens, Chelsea, London.
 Born: 7.5.1896, 67 Cadogan Gardens, London
 Home: Gordonbush, Clyne
 Occupation: Regular soldier (Grenadier Guards a family regiment)
 Commissioned: 30.1.15 from Sandhurst. (Promoted Captain 30.11.15)
 Notes: Gunnis Family owners of the Gordonbush estate in early part of 20th Century
 Former Eton Pupil 1909-1913 and Eton O.T.C. Sandhurst 1913-1915
 A contemporary of Harold MacMillan at Eton who also served in the Gren Gds
 Medals: Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, War Medal, Victory Medal
 Mentioned in dispatches November 1915
 Military Cross Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry, initiative and ability on October 8th 1915. He led his men with great dash, attacked the Germans in flank and rear, drove them into the open inflicting heavy casualties amongst them, and recaptured the remainder of the lost trench. For conspicuous courage and ability at Big Willie 8.10.1915.
 Buried: St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France
 Memorials: Listed on the Clyne War Memorial
 Listed on the Clyne Parish Church War Memorial, Brora
 Commemorated by the Gunnis Memorial, Clyne Church of Scotland
 Listed on the Eton School War Memorial?
<http://warmemscot.s4.bizhat.com/warmemscot-topic5155.html>

Chiddingstone, Church Kent, Stained glass memorial window erected in his honour:

The brass plaque below the memorial window, in the Church at Chiddingstone, Kent reads:

Geoffrey Gunnis, Captain in the 3rd Battalion of His Majesty's 1st or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards who gave his life for his country in the Great European War, eldest son of Francis George Gunnis and Ivy, his wife, and grandson of Henry Dorrien Streatfeild of Chiddingstone, wounded September 15th 1916 during the advance by the guards on Les Boeufs in the Battle of the Somme and died in hospital at Rouen, October 13th, aged 20. Buried with full military honours in the cemetery at St Sever, Rouen. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry, initiative and ability at 'Big Willy' on October 8th 1915. He led his men with great dash, attacked the Germans in flank and rear, drove them into the open, inflicting heavy casualties amongst them and recaptured the remainder of the lost trench. (extract from The Gazette - Mentioned in Despatches November 1915 for valour and distinguished conduct in the field). The above window is erected by his father and mother and his brothers, Rupert Forbes Gunnis and Nigel Gunnis.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=55945268&PIpi=15888069>

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Original grave marker - now stands in the church of Chiddingstone in Kent, next to the memorial window.

CWGC Register: Son of Francis George and Ivy Gunnis, of 1, Sloane Gardens, Chelsea, London.

CWGC Inscription: HE THAT LOSETH HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT (Matthew Chapter 10, Verse 39).

Personal File: 339/15765.

Other: Stained Glass Window.

Memorials: St Mary the Virgin's Church, Chiddingstone, Kent; Clyne Church of Scotland, Brora, SCT; Clyne War Memorial SCT.

Brothers: Eldest of 3.

Occupation: ARMY: Regular Soldier.

School: Eton.

Higher Education: Sandhurst.

Decorations: Star; MC; MID.

Father's Status: ALIVE: died 1932.

Mother's Status: ALIVE: died 1960.

General Notes:

Uncle - Ian Fitzgerald Stuart Gunnis, 2/Lt Grenadier Guards, KIA 4 July 1917.