


	Name:	2/Lt Roger Meyrick HEATH Somerset Light Infantry 6th (S) Bn	
Age			
	AKA:	Meyrick HEATH	
	Parents:	Meyrick William HEATH O.B.E. (born in 1855 in Lytchett Matravers, DOR, ENG - died 13 Sep 1939 in Clifton, GLS, ENG) and Katharine Rose MANSFIELD (born about 1862 in Blandford St Mary, DOR, ENG - died in 1951 in Amersham, BKM, ENG)	
27	Life Range	3 Aug 1889- 16 Sep 1916	
	Marriage Status:	This person had no relationships and no children	
-34	1855	Birth of Father: Meyrick William HEATH O.B.E. (born in 1855 in Lytchett Matravers, DOR, ENG - died 13 Sep 1939 in Clifton, GLS, ENG). In Lytchett Matravers, DOR, ENG.	
--27	Abt 1862	Birth of Mother: Katharine Rose MANSFIELD (born about 1862 in Blandford St Mary, DOR, ENG - died in 1951 in Amersham, BKM, ENG). In Blandford St Mary, DOR, ENG.	
0	3 Aug 1889	Birth: Clifton, GLS, ENG.	
2	1891	Census: Clifton, GLS, ENG. 14 Lansdown Place: HEATH, Meyrick W. , 35, Manager of Branch Bank, born Lytchett Matravers, Dorset Katharine R., 29, Private School Mistress, born Blandford St Mary, Dorset Roger M. , 1, born Clifton Bristol MANSFIELD, Dora G., 9, cousin, born Worthing, Sussex (Plus a boarder & three servants) [RG12; Piece: 1966; Folio: 12; Page: 20; GSU roll: 6097076.]	
12	1901	Census: Winkfield, Berkshire. Larnbrook Prep. School: HEATH, Roger M. , Pupil, born Clifton, Bristol, Gloucestershire [RG13; Piece: 1163; Folio: 18; Page: 28.] Unable to locate his parents in 1901.	
22	1911	Census: Clifton, GLS, ENG. Mortimer House Clifton Down Road: HEATH, Meyrick William , 55 (b. abt 1856), Bank Manager, born Lytchett Matravers Dorset HEATH, Katharine Rose , (Married 25 years; 1 child; living), 48 (b. abt 1863), Proprietress of Private Ladies School, born Stamford St Mary Dorset HEATH, Roger Meyrick , 21 (b. abt 1890), Student Oxford University, born Clifton Bristol HYETT, Violet Adams , Visitor, 27 (b. abt 1884), Student Oxford University, born Painswick Gloucestershire (Plus 4 assistants, 18 boarders and 8 servants.) [RG14PN14834 RG78PN901 RD319 SD1 ED9 SN173] [Records of Mortimer House School are at the National Archives - dates 1903-1920]	
25	Sep 1914	Enlistment:	

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25	13 May 1915	Commission:	
26	Apr 1916	Wounded:	Lost fingers when wounded April 1916 (SR)
27	8 Sep 1916	Overseas:	
27	16 Sep 1916	Death:	France.
		Burial:	Thiepval Memorial. Commemorated
27	23 Sep 1916	Times Biography:	Summary. Educated Larnbrook, Bracknell and afterwards at Rugby (Classical Scholarship 1903). Oriel College Oxford (Classical Scholarship 1908). First Class in Moderations in 1910, First Class Honours in Final Classical Schools 1912. Newdigate Prize for English Verse 1911. Bishop Fraser Scholar 1912, Diploma in Archeology 1913. Published a small volume of poems "Beginnings" in 1913. To British School in Athens 1913 (Craven Fellowship). Returned to England 1914 and enlisted in the 19th Royal Fusiliers (University & Public Schools Battalion, promoted Corporal, commission Somerset Light Infantry 1915.
27	16 Dec 1916	Probate:	Bristol, GLS, ENG. Temporary 2nd Lt 9th (reserve) battalion Somerset Light Infantry of Mortimer-house Clifton Bristol. To Meyrick William Heath retired bank manager. £284.
50	13 Oct 1939	Probate:	(Father). Bristol, GLS, ENG. Of 1 Apsley-house Finchley-road London to Katharine Rose Heath widow. £3,327.
		Personal File:	339/41434.
		Ranker Unit:	Royal Fusiliers Bn (Public Schools) Cpl 645.
		Cause of Death:	Shell in trench.
		Mother:	Her father Rev. J. Mansfield was Rector of Blandford St Mary, Dorset.
		Father's Occupation:	FINANCE: Bank Manager. Received OBE June 1918: Meyrick William Heath, Esq. Honorary Accountant, West of England Munitions Board of Management. His father William Mortimer Heath was Rector of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.
		School:	Rugby. Berkshire, ENG.
		Higher Education:	OXFORD: Oriel. Also British School at Athens, see: http://bsahistory.blogspot.com.au/2008/01/bsa-deaths-in-first-world-war.html
		Occupation:	STUDENT: Archeology.
		Empire/Overseas:	GREECE: Student.
		Siblings:	Only Child.
		CWGC Register:	Son of Meyrick William and Katharine Rose Heath, of Mortimer House, Clifton, Bristol.
		Mother's Occupation:	EDUCATION: Proprietress Ladies School.
		Other:	Related to CARRE family. Published poetry.
	General Notes:		

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Listed in the Oxford University Roll of Service. (p. 137)

Imperial War Museum:

Private Papers of Captain M H Carre MC

Photocopy of a wordprocessed monograph (131pp, plus illustrations), compiled by their great-nephew in 1993, recording the lives of five of his great-uncles, the sons of the Reverend Arthur A Carre and Mrs Florence Carre, who were born between 1879 and 1894, with chapters 6 - 11, which are mainly based on secondary and official sources rather than on personal family records, covering their experiences during the First World War in which the then eldest surviving son Maurice Tennant Carre served as a private in the 1st Australian Infantry Battalion and was killed in action at Anzac, Gallipoli on 2 September 1915, Meyrick R Carre as a junior officer in the 6th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment who fought in the Battle of Loos and on the Somme and was awarded the Military Cross before being invalidated home in October 1916, his twin brother Lieutenant Gilbert T Carre, also as a junior officer in the 6th Royal West Kents, who was wounded on the Somme in 1916, fought in the Battle of Arras in 1917 and was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of Cambrai on 20 November 1917 (with many details about him taken from the unpublished memoir of a fellow officer) and the youngest brother Lieutenant Mervyn (Edward Mervyn) Carre as an observer in No 18 Squadron RFC, an artillery observation squadron, from October 1915 until he was shot down and killed over the Somme on 16 October 1916; and also relating the story of their cousin **Roger Meyrick Heath** who joined the 6th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry as a 2nd Lieutenant on the Somme on 14 September 1916 and was killed in action a day later.

See: <http://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/1030009984>

See also:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1DBcGLj0tK0qdYBD5PZcvRt/bbc-symphony-orchestra-stories-from-the-battle-of-the-somme>

From Memorials-of-Rugbeians-who-fell-in-the-Great-War-Volume-IV, p. 98

ROGER MEYRICK HEATH was the only child of Meyrick William and Katharine Rose Heath. His mother was Headmistress of a School for girls at Mortimer House, Clifton. He entered the School with a Scholarship in 1903 and left in 1908, when he went as a Classical Scholar to Oriel College, Oxford. He obtained a First Class in Classical Moderations in 1910, and a First Class in the Final Classical School in 1912. In 1911 he gained the Newdigate Prize for English verse for his poem on "Achilles." He was elected Bishop Fraser Scholar in 1912, and in 1913 was awarded the University Diploma in Archreology, with distinction in Greek epigraphy. In the same year he published a volume of poems called *Beginnings*; and, having been appointed to the Craven Fellowship, he went to the British School at Athens. He took part in some excavations in Crete, and wrote an article on the "Proxeny Decrees of Megara," which was published in the Journal of the British School. Returning home in 1914 at the outbreak of the War, he put aside his life as a scholar, which had begun with high promise, and in which he had shown wit no less than insight and a delicate sense of beauty, and enlisted at once in the Public Schools Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal, and in May, 1915, received his Commission in the Somerset Light Infantry. Early in 1916 he met with an accident while lecturing as bombing instructor, and was severely injured in his left hand. In September he went to the Front in France. He had been for several weeks attached to the 3rd Battalion and acting Assistant Adjutant, but went to France in response to a call for more Officers to join the 6th Battalion. The Colonel was opposed to his going, because his hand was still crippled, and "he was of very great use" where he was. But he was very keen to go, and his superior Officers gave way. He met his death a few hours after reaching the firing line, being killed instantaneously by a shell on September 16th, 1916, and was buried near Delville Wood. Age 27.