



THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #32

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Following the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, this edition of the newsletter brings to a conclusion the story of Kiplings killed in that war, with records of the three 1945 deaths. Also concluded is the story of those Kiplings who served in the Durham Home Guard, the records of those born in 1925 now having been released under the 100-year rule. Other records from WW2 have also recently become available, and some example are shown. Finally, there are a few interesting snippets from other times.

1945 WW2 Deaths

Private Gilbert Mack Kipling

Gilbert served in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. He enlisted in 1942 at Winnipeg, and served in Canada until 1944, landing in Belgium in October. His regiment was engaged in the Battle of the Rhineland, when the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Infantry Divisions and the 4th Canadian Armoured Division took part in the drive southwards from Nijmegen in the Netherlands to clear the territory between the Maas and the Rhine in February and March 1945. He died on 8 March 1945, aged 38. He is buried in Groesbeek Canadian war cemetery, where his headstone has the personal inscription SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS.

ACTIVE FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF THE CANADIAN ARMY

ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname **KEPLING**

2. Christian Names **Gilbert Mack**

3. Present address **196 Fort Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**

4. Date of birth **February 13th, 1907**

5. Place of birth **CANADA** **MANITOBA** **CARMEN**
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)

6. Citizenship **Canada**

7. Religion (state denomination) **Roman Catholic Church**

8. Trade or Calling **Truck Driver**

9. Married, Widower or Single **Married**

10. Name of next of kin **Mrs. MARY KATHRYN KIPLING**

11. Relationship **Wife**

12. Address of next of kin **196 Fort Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**

See Change

Regimental No. H103812		Rank.....		Sheet No.....	
Name K. P. LING. G. M.				M. P. M. 1-6 2 (a) 300M-1-4 (235) II. Q. 177-39-1646	
Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc. -		Rank Show	Effective Date	Unit	Place
Embarked at.....	W.H. on.....				
622) Disembarked at.....	Belgium.....	Pte	16 Oct 44	X. B. 1/3 Inf. 21A	55
103 SOS X 4 hist (13 Bn)	16 RHA I	Pte	23 Oct 44	X. B. 1/3 Inf. 21A	64
103 SOS from 14th Inf. of Uncle		Pte	24 Oct 44	R. H. 2/1	48
103 SOS 303 40 x 3 hist (R.H.A.I.)		Pte.	22 Jan 45	R. H. 1	5
103 SOS 103 SOS X 4 hist R.H.A.I.		Pte.	23 Jan 45	R. H. 1	30 Jan 45
103 SOS 103 SOS from X. B. 1/3 R.H.A.I.		Pte.	23 Jan 45	R. H. 1	24
DECESSED 8 MAR 45		Pte.	23 Jan 45	R. H. 1	13 Feb 45
103 SOS. Deceased killed in action	Killed.	Pte.	8 Mar 45	R. H. 1	6 Mar 45
		Pte.	8 Mar 45	R. H. 1	18 Mar 45
		Pte.	8 Mar 45	R. H. 1	31 Mar 45



G. M. KIPLING
Killed

Pte. Gilbert Mack Kipling, 38, whose wife and 2½-year-old daughter, Eleanor Marie, live at 110 North Macdonald, was killed with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment) in Germany on March 8. Son of Mrs. M. J. Kipling of Winnipeg, he enlisted with the R.C.E. on December 5. Pte. G. M. Kipling, 1942, went overseas last July, and was transferred there to infantry. He was born and educated in Manitoba and was a truck driver in Winnipeg. His wife moved here since he enlisted. Two brothers, Alexander and Alfred, live in Winnipeg.



He was the son of Mary Jane Kipling of the Hudson Canadian family group, and the husband of Annie Kipling, who was living in Roland, Manitoba at the time of his death. In the 1921 census, he was living with his mother and uncle John (a labourer) in Gray, Manitoba (in the 1916 Manitoba census, and 1911 Canadian census, John was recorded as his father).

Kipling	John		-	01	-	Kipling	John	01	01
	Maria		-	-	-	Sister in law	J. M.	55	
-	Alexander		-	1	-	Nephew	M. S.	27	
-	Joe		-	1	-	Nephew	M. J. S.	29	
-	Alphonse		-	1	-	Nephew	M. J. S.	20	
-	Victor		-	1	-	Nephew	M. S.	17	
Hannah	Joe		-	-	-	Sister	M. S.	8	
Ouellette	Maria		-	-	-	Brother	J. S.	2	
Dandy	George		-	01	-	Brother	J. S.	29	
	Henry		-	01	-	Niece	M. S.	21	

Lieutenant Dudley Ernest Rudyard Kipling

Dudley was an officer in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, who died on 6 April 1945 in Burma whilst attached to the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). He was 21. He is buried or commemorated at Taukkyan war cemetery, Myanmar.

where his headstone has the personal inscription AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Beds. & Herts. R.
The undermentioned Cadets to be 2nd Lts.:—
1st Oct. 1944:—
6085978 Dudley Ernest Rudyard KIPLING
(337252).

Jan 1945

Second-Lieutenant Dudley Ernest Rudyard Kipling and Second-Lieutenant Dennis John Clare have been posted to the Beds. and Herts. Regiment as from October 1st and November 23rd 1944. Both were cadets before appointment to our County Regiment.

London
Gazette 26

ROLL OF HONOUR

LIEUTENANT D. E. R. * KIPLING

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Kipling, Caw, Londonderry, have been officially notified that their second son, Lieutenant Dudley Ernest Rudyard Kipling, has been killed in action in Burma.

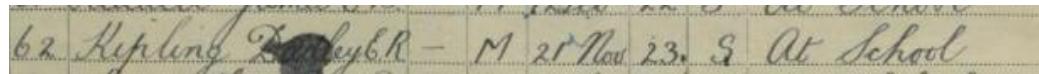
Lieutenant Kipling, who was only twenty-one years of age, was educated at Weymouth and Wellingborough. He joined the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers on leaving school and went to India, where he joined an O.C.T.U. Six months ago he was gazetted to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and later became attached to the West Yorkshire Regiment.

His elder brother, who is serving in the R.A.F., recently returned home after three years' active service in Africa.

Biggleswade Chronicle, 16 Feb 1945

Londonderry Sentinel, 17 Apr 1945

He was the son of Dudley Farnsworth and Isabel Sarah Kipling, of Londonderry, Northern Ireland of the **Dean** family group (#190). In 1939 the family had been at Ware, Hertfordshire, apart from Dudley, who was at school at Weymouth College.



There is a memorial to Dudley, his sister, and their father (who died at sea in 1953) in Derry city cemetery.



Able Seaman Thomas Henry Kipling

The final WW2 death was that of sailor Thomas Henry Kipling, who died when his ship was sunk whilst escorting a convoy to Russia. His death is recorded on the Chatham Naval Memorial

1 NAME (Surname First)	2 PORT DIVISION AND OFFICIAL NO.	3 BRANCH OF SERVICE.	4 RATING	5 SHIP OR UNIT.	6 DATE OF BIRTH.	7 PLACE OF BIRTH.	8 DATE OF DEATH.	9 CAUSE OF DEATH.	10 PLACE OF DEATH.
KIPLING, Thomas Henry	G/JX.549758	R.N.	A.B.	H.M.S. GOODALL	4.3.1926	Leaholme, Co. Durham	29.4.1945	2.	At Sea

HMS Goodall was a British Captain-class frigate. On 29 April 1945, Goodall was escorting Convoy RA 66 in the Barents Sea. At about 22:00, the German submarine U-286 hit Goodall with a torpedo, causing her ammunition magazine to detonate. The explosion blew away the forward part of the ship, killing the captain and 94 other crewmen.



Thomas was the son of Henry and Dorothy Kipling, of Leeholme, Co. Durham, of the **Bolam** family group (#381). In 1939, he was living with his parents.

144	1	Kipling Henry	- M	6 Feb 99/M	Coal Filler Underground Hear
	2	Kipling Dorothy	- F	Jul 30 01/M	Unpaid house hold ch
	3	Kipling Doris	- F	Sept 20/S	Confectionary Shop assist
	4	Kipling Kenneth	- M	Feb 17 25/S	Ware house & Errand boy Chanc
	5	Kipling Thomas #	- M	Mar 1 26/S	at School

This record is officially closed.

Helping save a Life

Susannah Kipling left £500 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in 1873; this was the equivalent of around £350,000 today (using an average earnings index), so Susannah was giving no mean sum. Susannah was the widow of Thomas Delarue Kipling of the **Dean** family group (see [Stockings](#)).

List of Bequests to the					Royal National Life Boat Institution.		
Name of Testator or Testatrix, and Residence.	Amount. £ s. d.	When proved.	Amount less Duty. £ s. d.	When received.	Names of Executors, &c.	Residence.	Remarks.
(299) Kipling Susannah Elizabeth 26 Mottram Road Kensh Town	500	1873 July 15	450	1874 1st July 5	Rev Carter Esq ^W W ^m Carter Esq ^W	Ferry Bridge, York 25 Miln St Halifax	

Curiously, Ray Kipling of the **Barningham** Kiplings was Deputy Director of the RNLI from 1987 to 2001 – and his wife's name is Susannah!

Kiplings in the Durham Home Guard

This is the concluding part of this series, all records having now been released.

Ralph Kipling (1925-2009)

10 Pl 4 bay

Army Form W 3064

To be prepared in original only.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Name KIPLING Christian Name RANPH
(Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS.) F H B J / 924 12

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

1. What is your name? RANPH KIPLING
2. What is the date and year of your birth? 18 8 25
3. What is your address? 2, GAUNLESS TERRACE, COPLEY
4. (a) Are you a British subject? YES
(b) Nationality of parents at birth? BRITISH
(c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin 2, GAUNLESS TERRACE, COPLEY.
Mr & Mrs ADALINE KIPLING
5. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Armed Forces of the Crown? If so, state particulars of all engagements. NO
6. Do you understand that if accepted you will become subject to military law and liable to obey such orders as may be given to you in accordance with instructions for the Home Guard issued by the Army Council, but that those instructions will require you to give part-time service only and will not require you to live away from home? YES
7. Do you understand that your service in the Home Guard will be without pay? YES
8. Do you understand that in the event of your incurring a disability attributable to your service any claim for compensation will be dealt with under the regulations for the time being in force for the purpose which provide in the case of death or disablement arising from disease, same as apply to the application of private soldiers and their dependents? (There is also provision for disablement during periods of temporary incapacity due to voluntary service) YES
9. Do you understand that if you are accepted you will engage to serve in the Home Guard for a period not exceeding the duration of the present emergency but that during that period your service may be determined in accordance with instructions issued by the Army Council, by competent authority at any time or at your own request by fourteen days' notice in writing given by you? YES

Declaration.

I, Ralph Kipling, do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true and I hereby agree to serve in the Home Guard.

Signature of applicant Ralph Kipling
Signature of enrolling authority Adaselle
Date 3/7/42 No. 9 (Company Commander).

Certificate of Acceptance.

R Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard for the following period:—
(a) the duration of the emergency
or (b) until 19 FEB 1942
Signature of accepting authority C. D. Hutchinson
Date 17th DURHAM (BARNARD CASTLE)
BATTALION HOME GUARD

Discharged on (date) 31 DEC 1945 in consequence of †

DISBANDMENT OF THE HOME GUARD

The discharge of the above named is hereby confirmed.

Date 2 JUL 1947 Signature G. M. LONG
Signature M. J. D. HUTCHINSON
TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE
ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM

(To be completed by official competent to confirm discharge.)

[†] Insert cause of discharge, quoting authority.

Ralph Kipling joined the Home Guard in 1942 at the age of 17. His mother was Adeline Fairless Hutchinson (later Kipling) and his father Ralph Kipling of the **Pitcherhouse** family group. He had been living with his mother in 1939 (see 'What the Census Revealed' below)

<u>1</u>	<u>Kipling Adeline</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>F 10 bay</u>	<u>96 M</u>	<u>Husband John impotent</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Kipling Ralph</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>18 Mar</u>	<u>25 S</u>	<u>Labourer</u>

2 Victoria Cottages, Copley, Durham

Sidney Kipling (1925-44)

Copy, 15th BATT

Army Form W 3066
To be prepared in original only, and forwarded to the Territorial Army Association when completed.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Surname... **KIPLING** Christian Names in Full... **Sidney**
(In BLOCK CAPITALS.)
Religion... National Registration No **FHEB/68/4**

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT

1. What is your name? ... 1. ... **Sidney Kipling**
2. What is the date of your birth? ... 2. ... **14/4/1925**
3. Where were you born? ... 3. ...
4. What is your address? ... 4. ... **6 Main St South Church**
5. What is your occupation? ... 5. ...
6. (a) Are you a British subject? ... 6. (a) ...
(b) Nationality of parents at birth? ... (b) Father ...
Mother ...
(c) Are you married or a widower? ... (c) ...
(d) If married, name and nationality of wife before marriage? ... (d) Wife ...
(e) Name, address and relationship of next of kin ... (e) ...
7. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Armed Forces of the Crown, including the Home Guard? If so, state particulars of all engagements. 7. ... **no**

SIR DURHAM

S. Kipling

Declaration.
I, **S. Kipling**, do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true.

Date **28/4/42**

Signature of applicant **(Sgt) S. Kipling**
Signature of enrolling authority **(Sgt) J. Chamberlain (Company Commander)**

Certificate of Acceptance.
(name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard.

Date **28/4/42**

Signature of accepting authority **CAPT J. Chamberlain (Battalion Commander)**
16TH BATT (DURHAM) H.G.

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to **15-7-43**

(date of discharge) **1** years **79** days.

Discharged on (date) **15-4-43** in consequence of*
JOINED H.M. FORCES

The discharge of the above named is hereby confirmed.

Station **Durham**
Date **16-6-1947**
23 JUN 1947

G. M. LONG
MAJOR
TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE
ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.
Signature **W. L. L.**
(To be completed by official competent to confirm discharge).

Sidney also joined shortly after his 17th birthday. He was from the **Stackholm** Kipling family group, son of Joseph and Louisa Kipling of South Church, Durham. Sidney later joined the army proper and was killed in 1944 in the Normandy offensive, aged just 19 (see [WW2 Kiplings 1940-45.pdf](#)).

What the Census Revealed

Whilst investigating the origins of Ralph Kipling of the Durham Home Guard, born in 1925, the 1921 census revealed an interesting aspect of his parentage. His father was Ralph Kipling of the **Pitcherhouse** family group (see [Pitcherhouse \(part 2\)](#)). In 1891, Ralph senior was a miner living at Woodland near Staindrop in Durham, with wife Tamar and one son, Wilfred.

<i>Ralph Kipling</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Coal Miners</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>York's Collieries</i>
<i>Tamar do</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>X</i>		<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>Wilfred do</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>

1891 Woodland, Staindrop

A decade later, he had been promoted deputy (underground supervisor) and had a second son, Robert.

Ralph Kippling	Head	58	Deputy in the Coal Mine Worker	Yorkshire Coalbrookdale Co. Micklestone
James	Wife	59		
1866				

Clifford Kippling	Son	15	Laborer on the Coal Mine Worker	Durham: Stockton
Robert Alderson Kippling	Son	1	2000	Durham: Woodbank

1901 Woodland, Staindrop

In 1911, Ralph is just 'coalminer', living now at Lynsack.

Ralph Kippling	Head	48	Married	26	23	2	1	Coal Miner	150
Tamar Kippling	Wife	— 49	Married					Home	
Walfred Kippling	Son	24	Single					Coal miner Miner	15
Robert Alderson Kippling	Son	11	—					School	16
Eliza Bailey	Wife	15	Single					Butcher	

Goathurst
Micklestone
Thornaby
Woodbank
Castriford

Ralph Kippling
Lynsack Butterknowle (#25)

Ralph's wife Tamar died in 1921, and the census that year showed him living with son Robert and a young female servant, Adeline Fairless Hutchinson.

NAME and SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household	AGE	SEX	MATERIALS OF CLOTHING	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY	OCCUPATION and EMPLOYMENT				Place of Work
						For person aged 16 and over	For person aged 15 and under	For person aged 16 and over	For person aged 15 and under	
Ralph Kippling	Head	58	M	Single	Colchester Essex	Miner	Y	Colchester Colliery Co	Woodbank	
Robert a Kippling	Son	22	M	Single	Woodbank	Miner	Y	Colt Park 030	179522	
Adeline Fairless Hutchinson	Servant	25	F	Single	Woodbank	General servant	Y	Colt Park	176014	

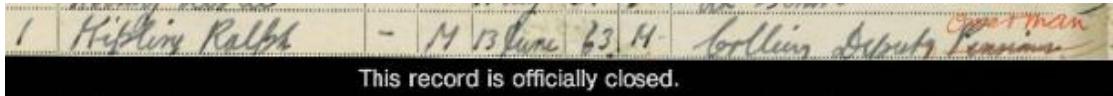
In 1923, Ralph had a daughter, Alfreda Mary, with Adeline. Sons Ralph and Leaman followed in 1925 and 1927 respectively. Ralph married Adeline in 1930. He was still a miner in 1939, living apart (but in the same village as his wife and son Ralph).

The Legitimacy Act 1926 legitimated children born out of wedlock once their parents had subsequently married. Moreover, it permitted the Registrar-General to issue on request a revised birth certificate showing the mother's married name. Adeline did this in 1930 for Alfreda, but only in 1944 for Ralph and Leaman (see Ralph's original and new certificate below).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
Eighteenth March 1925									
20, Clifton Terrace, Copley Lane Head Lynsack RD	Ralph	Boy	Ralph Kippling	Adeline Fairless Hutchinson a Housekeeper (Domestic Service)	Coal. Miner (Deputy)	Ralph Kippling 20, Clifton Terrace, Copley Lane Head, Butterknowle A. J. Hutchinson mother 20, Clifton Terrace Copley Lane Head Butterknowle	Twentieth May 1925	H. W. Cartman Registrar	Re-registered under the Legitimacy Act 1926, on 19th August 1944. A. J.

Eighteenth March 1925 20 Lane Head Copley Lynesack and Softley R. D.	Ralph	Boy	Ralph KIPPLING	Adeline Fairless KIPPLING formerly HUTCHINSON	Retired Colliery Deputy Overman	A. F. Kipling Mother 2 Gaunless Terrace Copley, Butterknowle Bishop Auckland	Ninth August 1944 On the authority of the Registrar General. 1944	Harry T. Leonard Registrar
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In 1939, Ralph was living at Copley with one other person. The hidden entry could be Leaman or Alfreda – neither can be found elsewhere in the register.



Ralph senior died in 1950 and Adeline in 1975 (she is buried in Lynesack cemetery).



UK Military records 1939-59

Ancestry has commenced a project to digitise over 2 million service records. Each provides lots of information, including the different theatre of war in which they served. So far, two Kiplings have been included. This first is John Kipling, who had served throughout the first world war, latterly in the Machine Gun Corps, rejoined in 1940 (aged 44), serving right through until 1945. This time he served in the Royal Army Service Corps as a driver and later transferred to the newly-founded Army Catering Corps. John was of the **Ebenezer** family group.

Def Embr *Motor Driver* Army Form E 531.

Registration Number
CANO 1861.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ATTESTATION OF Royal Army Service Corps.

To be filled in by O. i/c Records.

PART I. Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your full name and permanent postal address? (Christian Name) John (Surname) KIPPLING (Address) 99 Oregon Road West Ham

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? (In or near the Town of) London (In the County of) London

3. (a) Are you a British Subject? (b) Nationality of parents at their birth. (a) British (b) Father British (Mother) British

4. What is your trade or calling? Motor Driver

YOU ARE HEREBY WARNED THAT IF AFTER ENLISTMENT IT IS FOUND THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN A WILFULLY FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS YOU WILL BE LIABLE TO PUNISHMENT.

5. (a) What was your age (in years) last birthday? 44 (b) Day, month and year of birth 11. 5. 1895

6. (a) Are you married? (b) How many children are dependent upon you? (a) No (b) Yes

7. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Force (or Army), the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Auxiliary Air Force, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Militia Reserve or any Naval Reserve Force, or any O.T.C. or Cadet Unit? If so, state particulars of all engagements. No 1940/11/11 1940/11/11

Sgt. Fred Kipling, of the Royal Signals Regiment, who served in North Africa from 1942-45 and, after the end of the war, in occupied Germany. Fred was of the **Fishmonger** family group, a son of Henry and Mabel Kipling.

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
No. of Part II Order or other Authority.	Unit	Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, and dispositions, &c., of Officer or other rank, including admission and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, &c., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including passage, &c.)	Place of Casualty	Army Rank	Date	Service not allowed to reclaim for pension Yes, Days	Signature of Officer certifying correctness of entries
St 6 1694 dr 187/12 app 300	103 Signal Regt	Distributed Egypt S.O. 1. M.R. 8-4-42 Lay off	Pat 66 Sgt	103 S	W	CAPT. R. SECTION	
168/3023 7/12 1-1-1	Adm. Corp. X	Discharged Hop off to 103 Spec B.C.	—	—	7.9.42		
100/2376 12/2 1-1-1	103 Spec B.C.	Parrot Grade not as Spec B.C.	—	—	18.2.40		
ME/617/43 103 Spec W/T Sec.	103 Spec W/T Sec.	Appointed 103 Spec W/T Sec.	M.E. 103 Spec W/T Sec.	103 Spec W/T Sec.	do. 27.7.44	GG. Bremen- W/T Sec.	
ME/2375 103 Spec	103 Spec	S.O.S. M.E. 103 B.N.A.F.	do. 103 Spec	do. 27.7.44			
55/145	—	Promoted 103 Spec	103 Spec	103 Spec			
187/45	—	Arrived Africa Jan and 82 Army Class	—	—	8.6.45		
585/45	—	Handed over to 82 Army Class	—	—	8.7.45		
60/45	103 Spec	Parrot for 103 Spec	—	—	9.8.45		
827/45	—	Bank for UK 45 SOS	Home	—	10.8.45		
1/45	—	Arrived UK 45 SOS	—	—	8.10.45		
2/45	—	Handed to 6 W.W. Harper down	—	—		Collect	
109/45	103 Spec	Handed to 6 W.W. Harper down	—	—	21.10.45		
2/45	103 Spec	Handed to 6 W.W. Harper down	—	—			
2/45	103 Spec	Draft RMHGZ TOS xiva List	—	—			
53 RHU and BAOR	—	—	—	—			
2/45	103 Spec	Leave from Xan Lin 103 RHU	103 Spec	—	21.10.45		
2/45	103 Spec	Leave to 1 Corp Part S.	103 Spec	—	16.11.45		
2/45	103 Spec	Parrot from 1 Spec W/T Sec	103 Spec	W/T Sec	103 Spec		
AFW 5169 X8a	Embarked NWE for UK and SOS BAOR C1 A Release	NWE	103 Spec	103 Spec			

Notices to be written in this margin.

WW2 Medal Cards

Medal cards are now also available, although with some names redacted (where they are of relatives possibly still alive). Here is that of a different Sgt. Fred Kipling, who was killed in 1943 (see Newsletter #28). He was the older brother of Sidney Kipling (see above).

3/medals/24/68 E 42 NOK (C.S. 20)

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS, Ex-Army Personnel
WRITE IN INK IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I desire Campaign Stars and Medals, as shown below, awarded to me (or to the late) 16691 B

Number 4386537	Christian or First names Fred	Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary KIPLING	
Class of Release or Discharge and Date KIA 25.3.43	Age and Service Group No. 5-1-11	Rank Sgt.	Last Regiment or Corps according to cap badge worn (R.A. to state Branch; Home Guard to insert H.G. with County and Battalion number) Green Howards.
to be attached to this Box for War Office Use Only			
(Name) (Full Address, Post To County Postal and — If appr	809 58 JUN 1993		
NOTE—Y	Strike out items which were NOT awarded (4-1)		
If you should change your permanent address before receiving them, send a postcard at once to War Office marked "Medals: New Address" and showing (i) the new address and (ii) No., name and last Regiment or Corps	STARS 1939-45 PACIFIC ATLANTIC BURMA AIR-CREW ITALY EUROPE FRANCE & AFRICA + B GERMANY		
Signature of Applicant	MEDALS DEFENCE WAR		

The only one for a female Kipling is that for Lance Sergeant Mary Isabel Kipling of the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service, the female branch of the British army at that time). She was of the **Barningham** Kiplings (#373), daughter of Frank and Mary Kipling.

23540. (C.S. 20)

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS, Ex-Army Personnel
WRITE IN INK IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I desire Campaign Stars and Medals, as shown below, awarded to me (or to the late)

Number	Christian or First names	Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary	
W156767	MARY ISABEL	KIPLING now SAUL	
Class of Release or Discharge and Date	Age and Service Group No.	Rank	Last Regiment or Corps according to cap badge worn (R.A. to state Branch; Home Guard to insert H.G. with County and Battalion number)
		4487	ATS

to be ad.

(Name)

(Full Address, Post To, County, Postal and if applicable)

NOTE—YOUR STARS OR MEDALS may not be issued for SEVERAL MONTHS
If you should change your permanent address before send a postcard at once to War Office marked "Medals: New Address (i) the new address and (ii) No., name and last Regiment or Corps".

If claiming as legate or next-of-kin, state relationship to deceased

Signature of Applicant

This Box for War Office Use Only
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It's interesting to observe that both sets of medals were applied for long after the war's end; as late as 1993 for Sgt. Fred's posthumous medal set.

Kiplings of the Penny Post

A George Kipling was a sub-sorter at the Westminster office of the General Penny Post Office from between at least 1759 and 1763, a service which conveyed mail within London. The records suggests that he was succeeded in his post by Joseph Kipling, who later became a sorter or sub-sorter at the Post's Chief Office, which was in Bishopsgate Street.

Establishment of the General Penny Post Office		
Office Title	Person Name	Salary per annum
One Porter	Henry Porter at 15. pence	39. 2. 6. Mr. Thomas
Subporter	George Alward { at 10. p.d. Joseph Kipling } George Kipling { at 10. p.d. Joseph Kipling } George Kipling { at 10. p.d. Joseph Kipling }	26. 1. 8. Joseph Kipling 26. 1. 8. 91. 5. 10.

Postal Establishment Book 1760

Chief
Postmaster
Joseph Kipling
John Bennett
Isaac Woodruff
Geo. Hurst

I've not been able to identify George or Joseph, although it's possible that George is the same man who from at least 1767 was clerk at the 'Tenths office', which collected ecclesiastical tithes (see [The Kiplings of Old London Town](#)). This George was buried at the Maze Pond Baptist Chapel in Southwark, as was a Joseph Kipling. It's possible they were brothers.