

THOMAS HENRY ANDREW BELL

1914 Star

British War Medal
Allied Victory Medal

9468 Cpl H.BELL

2/York:R.

2.Lieut.H.BELL

Army Medal Office rolls record that, although his date of disembarkation was given as 5 October 1914, he was not awarded the clasp to the 1914 Star.

His career is recorded by Ferrar.

He was born 27 November 1892, at 36 Hunters Road, Newcastle, the son of John Joseph Bell, a telegraphist, and his wife Beatrice (née Walker).

He enlisted 13 June 1910 at Jarrow as Henry Bell, giving his place of birth as Spital Tongue, Newcastle, and his occupation as a clerk. He gave his age as eighteen years two months, stood five feet three and a half inches tall, with blue eyes, brown hair and a fresh complexion.

He was promoted Corporal and Orderly Room Clerk 8 March 1912, and Sergeant (ORC) 8 March 1915. He was given a regular commission 20 May 1916 from the ranks for distinguished conduct in the field.

He died 17 October 1917 at No 2 Red Cross Hospital, Rouen, of a gunshot wound to the head received on the Menin Road during the Third Battle of Ypres while he was attached to the 8/Yorkshire Regiment (September 1917). He is buried at St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Officers B.5.20.

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Regimental enlistment records, Richmond

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