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Age		
	Parents:	William Henry ASH (born about 1844 in Middlesex - died 4 Aug 1925 in Fernbank, Heathfield, SSX, ENG) and Mary Esther (born about 1846 in Co. Dublin, IRL - died 30 Mar 1927 in St John's Wood, MDX, ENG)
46	Life Range	1870 - 29 Sep 1916
~-26	Abt 1844	Birth of Father: William Henry ASH (born about 1844 in Middlesex - died 4 Aug 1925 in Fernbank, Heathfield, SSX, ENG). In Middlesex.
~-24	Abt 1846	Birth of Mother: Mary Esther (born about 1846 in Co. Dublin, IRL - died 30 Mar 1927 in St John's Wood, MDX, ENG). In Co. Dublin, IRL.
~-3	Abt 1867	Birth of Spouse: Edith Learoyd BARNETT (born about 1867 in Worcester, Birmingham - died 1 Apr 1955 in Southsea, HAM, ENG).
0	1870	Birth: Middlesex.
11	1881	Census: Marylebone, London. At 13 St John's Wood Road: William H. ASH, 37, Manufacturer of Dental Materials, born Middlesex Mary E., 35, born Dublin, Ireland William C. C. , 11, born Marylebone, Middlesex Victoria M., 9, born Marylebone, Middlesex Margaret K., 7, born Marylebone, Middlesex Joseph T., 3, born Marylebone, Middlesex (Plus three servants)
21	1891	Census: Harrow, MDX, ENG. At Harrow Weald Park: Agnes SIM, widow, 64, own means, born Hornsey, Middlesex Charles H. SIM, son, 29, own means, born Wandsworth, Surrey Herbert C. SIM, son, 20, Gent. Cadet Royal Military College, born Weald, Harrow Alice C. CROFTON, visitor, widow, 27, own means, born India Amy B. HALL, visitor, single, 22, own means, born India William C. C. ASH , visitor, 21, single, Militia 2nd Lieut, Yorks Lancaster, born London (Plus seven servants) Parents: At 51 Hamilton Terrace, West Marylebone: Another daughter Mary G. ASH born 1883
24	1894	Marriage: Edith Learoyd BARNETT (born about 1867 in Worcester, Birmingham - died 1 Apr 1955 in Southsea, HAM, ENG). In Marylebone, London.
31	1901	Census: Woolwich, LDN, ENG. At 1, Nightingale Place: ASH, William C C , 31, Captain 3rd Middlesex Regiment, born London ASH, Edith L, 36, born Birmingham, Warwickshire ASH, Mary G, 5, born London ASH, Edith C K, 2, born Madras, India (Plus one servant) Parents: At 51 Hamilton Terrace, West Marylebone
41	1911	Census: Finchley, MDX, ENG. At 4 Seymour Road: ASH, William Claudius Casson , 41, Major Middlesex Regt, born Middlesex ASH, Edith Learoyd, 45, born Birmingham, Worcester ASH, Mary Geraldine, 15, school, born Middlesex

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46	14 Jan 1916	Decorations:	<i>London Times</i> , page 12
46	Sep 1916	Commission:	<p>Situation: Attack Circumstances: No Man's Land. The 123rd brigade was in divisional reserve on the 15th, but although the initial attacks appeared to go well, with Flers being taken, at about midday the 23rd Middlesex was ordered to advance to assist the 124th brigade along the right of Flers Wood. In the attack that followed Ash personally led one of the two advanced companies. At 5pm he was severely wounded and taken from the field.</p>
46	29 Sep 1916	Death:	France. Died of Wounds.
		Burial:	ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, FRANCE. CWGC Inscription - "Aged 46, Keep Faith"
46	5 Oct 1916	Times Biography:	<p><i>The Times, October 5, 1916</i> "Lieutenant-Colonel William Claudius Casson Ash, D.S.O., Middlesex Regiment, who has died of wounds received on September 15, was the elder son of Mr. William Henry Ash, of 51, Hamilton-Terrace, N.W., and Heathfield, Sussex. He was born in 1870, and, after being educated at Westminster School, entered the Army on September 28, 1892, as second Lieutenant, and was promoted captain in 1900. He served in the South African War during 1902 as adjutant of the 5th Middlesex Regiment, and was promoted major in 1909. He was stationed at Malta with another battalion of his regiment when war was declared. He was wounded at Loos on September 25, 1915, and in the following month was gazetted lieutenant-colonel. In January of this year he was mentioned in dispatches and later received the D.S.O."</p>
46	Dec 1916	Probate:	London, ENG. To Edith Learoyd ASH & Charles Sidney COLLISON, Lt Col. HM Army. £5588
55	1925	Probate:	(Father). London, ENG. To Mary Esther ASH, widow and Joseph Tempest ASH, director. £150,964.
57	1927	Probate:	(Mother). London, ENG. To Joseph Tempest ASH, esquire, and Mary Gertrude PALMER (wife of Bernard Foster PALMER). £19113.
		Father's Occupation:	MANUFACTURER: Dental Products.
		Father's Status:	Living.
		S-School:	Westminster.
		S-Occupation:	Army: Regular Soldier.
		Siblings:	1 Younger Brother.

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Victoria Marie ASH, born 1872, Marylebone
Married Charles Dupin DRAYSON, 1899, Marylebone, 4 children by 1911. One son, George. **He has a file in the PRO Special Operations Executive personnel files 1939-46.**

Margaret Kathleen ASH, born 1874, Marylebone
Married Wilhelm Woltmann, a Violinist, in 1900, no children in 1911.

Joseph Tempest ASH, born 1 Dec 1877, Marylebone, died 1941 Marylebone.
Attended Charterhouse School, left 1896 [*Register*].
Granted Freedom of the City of London, 1898. Executor of both his father's and mother's wills.
Was visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Charles & Victoria Drayson, in Maidenhead Berkshire in 1901.
2/Lt 1st Middlesex Regiment (Supernumerary) 2 March 1898 (LG 1 March 1898)
Married, age 26, 17 June 1904, Teddington, Middlesex, Ida Mary COALBANK, age 22, dau of Isaac COALBANK, Physician. Witnesses William H. & M.E. ASH; Isaac & Sarah COALBANK.
In 1911 a residence 105 Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead, three children at home with servants, parents absent.

Mary Gertrude ASH, born 1883, Marylebone
Married Bernard Foster PALMER
Executrix of her mother's will, 1927.

Marriage: Yes.

Children: 2 daughters.
Mary Geraldine ASH, born 1896 Marylebone
Married 29 Feb 1936, St Marks Alexandria, Leonard Oliver JONES, Captain [later Colonel], Royal Marines. He died 1950/60?
Edith Claudia (Claudius?) Kathleen ASH, born abt 1899, Madras, India
Married Eric R. REED 1922, Uckfield, Sussex