

	Name:	<b>2/Lt Frank BENTON 21st (S), King's Royal Rifle Corps</b>	
Age	Parents:	<b>John BENTON</b> (born about 1849 in Wennington, Essex - died 6 Jan 1923 in Surrey) and <b>Alice Mary GURNEY</b> (born about 1859 in Yeading, Middlesex - died 23 Jan 1933 in Surrey)	
35	Life Range	<b>30 Mar 1881-15 Sep 1916</b>	
	Marriage Status:	<b>This person had no relationships and no children</b>	
~-32	Abt 1849	Birth of Father:	John BENTON (born about 1849 in Wennington, Essex - died 6 Jan 1923 in Surrey). In Wennington, Essex.
~-22	Abt 1859	Birth of Mother:	Alice Mary GURNEY (born about 1859 in Yeading, Middlesex - died 23 Jan 1933 in Surrey). In Yeading, Middlesex.
0	1881	Census:	Aveley, ESS, ENG. [Address illegible]: John Benton, 32, Sub-Underwriter, born Kensington, Essex Alice Mary, 22, born Hayes, Middlesex <b>Male Infant Un-named, age 1 month</b> , born Aveley (Plus 2 Servants) [Class: RG11; Piece: 1752; Folio: 61; Page: 13; GSU roll: 1341422]
0	30 Mar 1881	Birth:	Aveley, ESS, ENG.
10	1891	Census:	Penge, London. At 4 Genoa Road: John Benton, 42, Underwriting Agent & Broker, born Wennington, Essex Alice M., 32, born Yeading, Middlesex <b>Frank</b> , 10, born Aveley, Essex Sydney J., 8, born Aveley, Essex Percy G., 3, born Penge, Surrey (Plus 1 Servant) [Class: RG12; Piece: 600; Folio 18; Page 33; GSU roll: 6095710]
20	1901	Census:	Lewisham, KEN, ENG. At 53 Kirkdale: John Benton, 52, Insurance Broker, born Wennington, Essex Alice M., 42, born Middlesex <b>Frank</b> , 20, Insurance Broker's Clerk, born Aveley, Essex Sydney J., 18, Colonial Broker's Clerk, born Aveley, Essex Percy G., 13, born Little Wakering, Essex [Class: RG13; Piece: 557; Folio: 128; Page: 5]
30	1911	Census:	Lewisham, KEN, ENG. At 57 Mayow (?) Road, Forest Hill: John Benton, 62, Insurance Broker, born Wennington, Essex Alice M., 52, born Yeading, Middlesex [married 30 years; 3 children; all living] <b>Frank</b> , 30, Insurance Broker, born Aveley, Essex Sydney John, 28, Insurance Clerk, born Aveley, Essex Percy Gurney, 23, born London (Plus 2 Servants) [RG14PN2817 RG78PN96 RD29 SD4 ED11 SN202]
33	29 Aug 1914	Enlistment:	London, ENG.
33	29 Aug 1914	Occupation:	INSURANCE: Broker.
34	31 Jul 1915	Overseas:	France.
35	1916	Father's Status:	Living (died 1923).
35	8 Jun 1916	Commission:	

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35	<b>15 Sep 1916</b>	<b>Death:</b>	France. KIA
		<b>Burial:</b>	Switch Trench Cemetery, Flers. NE of Albert. [Commemorated Thiepval]
35	<b>8 Nov 1916</b>	<b>Probate:</b>	£1,672. To his mother.
42	<b>1923</b>	<b>Probate:</b>	Father. £3776.
		<b>Ranker/OTC:</b>	L/Cpl STK/906 10th Royal Fusiliers #. Previously served 6 years London Rifle Brigade 1899-1905.
		<b>Personal File:</b>	339/52161.
		<b>Next of Kin:</b>	Father. J. Benton, Ranelagh, Birdhurst Gardens, Croyden
		<b>School:</b>	Whitgift Grammar School.
		<b>Brothers:</b>	<p><b>Sydney John Benton</b> Lt 6th Somerset Light Infantry; France 18/1918-15/12/1918; Address 22 Sefton Road, Croydon Survived (died 1965 Folkestone, Kent.) Married March Quarter 1915 Croydon, Clarice C. Yates.</p> <p><b>Percy Gurney Benton</b> No evidence of service. Died 1961 Wandsworth.</p>
		<b>Effects:</b>	<p>1 A.B. 153 1 Leather Wallet 5 blank cheques "Union of London &amp; Smith's Bank" 1 Platoon Roll Book 1 cheque book Cox &amp; Co. 1 Calendar "Christian Soldiers" 1 Steel Mirror Letters</p>
		<b>Father's Occupation:</b>	INSURANCE: Lloyds.
		<b>Decorations:</b>	Star.
	<p>General Notes: His father wrote to the Secretary Army Pay Department on 28 Sep 1916 informing that department of his son's death. He stated his letter was in protest against 'the very lax methods evidently in vogue in certain sections of the Army Pay Dept.' [There may be a page missing from this letter.]</p> <p>----- Sept 2012 <i>Whitgift Grammar School, Book of Remembrance</i> <b>Profile:</b> Frank Benton Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Benton, "Ranelagh," Birdhurst Gardens, Croydon. O.W.C.C. and played for London County C.C., Hon. Sec. O.W.R.F.C. 1907-14, Capt. 1908-1914. Honour Cap 1905-6, played in Kent County Trial, Eastern Counties Rugby XV. 1909-10-11, toured with Surrey Team in France. Enlisted in Royal Fusiliers Aug. 1914; took Commission in K.R.R.C. June 1916; fought at Gommecourt and Flers and was shot through the head at Delville Wood. The esteem in which he was held by O.W.'s can hardly be overstated. He died "well in front of everybody, and shouting for the boys to come on." These words of his Sergeant well describe his football. He was a past-master in the art of managing men, and that the O.W.R.F.C. was among the foremost of old boy clubs was due to a very large extent to his careful guidance.</p>		