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Dear Mr Hobbs

1822 Private- Clement Douglas HOBBS - Welsh Regiment

In reply to your enquiry, we regret that no records can now be traced relating to the military service of the above named in the British Army during the 1914-18 war. Unfortunately, as was mentioned in our original letter, a large proportion of the records of soldiers who served during the period 1914-20 were totally destroyed by enemy air action in 1940 and it would seem that those of the above named were among them.

It is possible that some information may be available from the Medal Rolls. Details of medal entitlement, regiment(s), rank(s) and Army number(s) are recorded in these Rolls. Also if you know the unit(s) of the above named, it may be possible to find details of the movements of the unit(s) in the Commander's War Diaries if they still survive.

Both the Medal Rolls and War Diaries are held by the Public Record Office at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU. The Medal Rolls are referenced as Class WO 329 and the War Diaries WO 95.

It must be noted that with the exception of some classes of Army Medals, the Public Record office does not carry out searches on behalf of the Public therefore it is necessary to visit in person. If visiting Kew for the first time you must take with you some proof of identity e.g. a driving licence or banker's card. If you are not a citizen of the UK or Eire you will be required to show your passport. If you are unable to visit in person or arrange for someone to do so on your behalf, you can employ an independent researcher. Details of these may be obtained from the Search Department at Kew.

Information on the Regiment itself may be held by the Imperial War Museum at Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ. If you wish to view a particular Regimental History an appointment is necessary and should be booked at least 24 hours in advance. Appointments can be made by telephoning 0171 416 5342.

Some Regimental Histories have been published and may either be held by your local library or obtained through their inter-library loan scheme.

I am sorry that we cannot be of more help to you.

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