

# Manning Haynes

Manning Haynes was born on the 4th April 1894, the third child of Manning and Charlotte. He lived with his parents and nine brothers and sisters at 2 Tilbury Road, Linford.

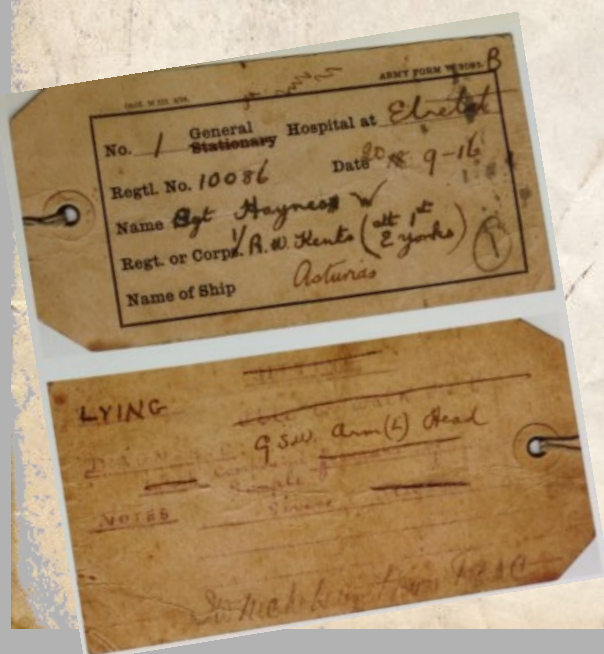


Like many people in the Thurrock area, he was a farm labourer, but in 1913 at the age of 18, he enlisted in the army becoming a soldier in the Royal West Kent Regiment where he rose to become a Lance Sergeant and then Acting Sergeant.

He received two injuries at the Battle of the Somme, one was a shrapnel wound to his head and the other where a bullet entered his arm above the wrist and came out just above the elbow (the repair was done using animal guts).

He was reported missing presumed dead, but he was alive in a French hospital in Etrartet.

He was sent home on the HMHS Asturias with a label tied to him so that he could be identified.





The HMHS Asturias that brought Manning home following his hospitalisation in Etratet.

In the meantime his girlfriend, Emma Sutton, gave birth to their daughter Ruby in January 1916 at the Salvation Army Hospital for unmarried mothers in Clapton.

He married Emma in 1917, and as was possible at the time, his daughter's birth certificate was annulled and replaced with one dated after the wedding, removing what would have been at the time, the stigma of illegitimacy.

Manning was discharged in February 1919 and it was assumed he went to live at Ridgeway Cottages, Stanford Road, Orsett, the address to where his pension was to be sent.

Manning worked at van den Burghs and lived at 96 Long Lane, Grays until his death in January 1964.

Story provided by Manning's granddaughter, Pauline Lohour.

