

Stanley James Turp

Stanley James Turp was born in 1898 to Charles (1869) and Jenny Eunice Turp (nee Everett, 1890) who lived in the Chelmsford area.

Stanley was Charles's and Jenny's third child, and he lived with his brothers Stephen (1890), Ernest (1895) and Walter (1902), and a sister called Dorothy (1903).

It's believed that the children came to the Stanford-le-Hope area looking for work on the farmlands. Stanley lived in Corringham Road, opposite the Drill Hall as it was then known.

Stephen, Stanley's brother, worked on a farm at Lathol (London & Thames Haven Oil Wharves) at Corringham until he retired.

Stanley enlisted into the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers on 18 November 1914. Whilst on duty Stanley was shot in the chest. Fortunately he had a small bible in his breast pocket. The bullet became lodged into the bible which apparently saved his life.

Whilst at the Somme, Stanley was gassed and ended up with only half of his lungs working.



It is thought that Stanley use to take the mail to the front line for which the family believe he was awarded a medal for.

Stanley was discharged form the army in April 1919 and became a fitter at Thames Haven. He married Phyllis Turpin in Orsett in 1928. Stanley worked at Thames Haven until he retired early, which is believed to have been through ill health. Stanley died in 1952, aged only 54.

Story provided by Stanley's Great Nephew, John Turp.



The photographs show Jenny Eunice (top), Ernest (left), Stanley (middle) and Stephen (Right).

The picture also shows the bible that is believed to have saved Stanley's life.