



Service Record

<p>1520444</p>	<p>Gunner LEWIS MEAD</p>	<p>112 Bty., 28 Lt. A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery</p>	
<p>Roll of Honour</p>	<p>Died Saturday, January 13, 1940, age 49. Buried in BINGHAM CEMETERY Grave 550. Country of Service, United Kingdom</p> <p>Mead enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1938 (source: Royal Artillery Attestations 1883-1942).</p> <p>In 1940 he was stationed at the Whatton-in-the-Vale Army camp. His death certificate shows that he was killed in a collision with a bus while crossing the Nottingham to Grantham Road in Bingham.</p> <p>The death was reported by the Coroner for Newark following an inquest held on 16th January, 1940.</p> <p>Nottingham Guardian reported the inquest in its Jan 17th edition: Relevant details include the fact that his body was identified by his sister-in-law, Mary Mead, who at first sight got his age wildly wrong. She was corrected by the coroner who referred to the age listed on his service record. She said that he was a builder's labourer in civilian life, had served in WW1 (we have not been able to trace him) and that he had had no permanent place of residence "for years". The 1939 Register lists Mary as a widow. Her husband Frank, Lewis's brother, appears to have died in 1935. It has so far not proved possible to trace other family members on Lewis's side.</p>		
<p>112 Bty., 28 Lt. A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery</p>	<p>Royal Artillery (Territorial) Unit – attached to West Riding Area, Northern Command Part of 57th Light Anti-Aircraft Brigade 112 Battery stationed in Nottingham (Source: https://en.valka.cz/topic/view/47274/28th-Light-Anti-Aircraft-Regiment)</p>		

Family history etc

	Lewis Mead	
4 th April 1890	Date of birth from Forces War Records	<p>We have not found a birth record for Lewis. However, a search for his brother Frank in the 1891 Census yielded this result:</p> <p>Little London Road, Norton, Ecclesall Bierlow, Derbyshire, England Household Members</p> <p>George Mead, Head, Married, age, 36 b.1855, Nottinghamshire, Bricklayers Labourer Frank Mead, Son, age 6, b. 1885, Nottinghamshire, Scholar Lewis Mead, Son, age 10 b. 1881, Nottinghamshire, Scholar Alice Mead, Daughter, age 7, b. 1884 Nottingham, Scholar Amelia Mead, Daughter, age 3, b. 1888, Sheffield Beatrice Mead, Daughter age 0, b. 1891, Yorkshire</p> <p>If this is the same Lewis Mead, it puts his date of birth 10 years earlier than that listed on his army record. It would, however, help to make sense of Mary's evidence at the inquest since she might be expected to know that her brother-in-law was older than her husband.</p> <p>It raises the question of whether the army record is simply erroneous or whether Mead lied about his age when enlisting in 1938 when, if the earlier date is correct, he would have been in his very late 50s.</p>
1939 Register	A Lewis Mead with dob 19 August 1874 appears on the 1939 register for Bagthorpe Workhouse (now part of City Hospital) as an inmate .	
Criminal Record	Ancestry.com has recently added records from "UK Calendar of Prisoners"	Lewis Mead appears with the same criminal records as Lewis Mead, Lewis Mead jnr. and Lewis Taylor Mead with a variety of birth dates between 1876 and 1881. Appearances at Nottingham, Hull and Leeds are recoded for a variety of crimes including stealing, breaking and entering, assault, and attempted murder/GBH. The latter charge involved an assault in 1912 on James Henry Orton.
	Also Register of habitual criminals	Intended address on release from prison Mill Road Nottingham, 1903.
Family	Brother: Frank b. 1883, Nottingham Sister-in-law: Mary (née Tymon) b. 26 July, 1886, Nottingham	Source 1911 Census: 1, Henry Street, Nottingham Source 1939 Register: 14 Pierrepont Street, Nottingham. One closed record in addition to Mary's record.

		Frank and Mary appear to have married in Nottingham in 1906
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