

# Edward Charles BLACKBURN



**Born:** 1898 in Bacton, Norfolk

**Parents:** Father: George Frederick Blackburn (1861-1948)

Mother: Eliza Bell (born 1861 in Bunwell, Cambs)

**Siblings:** Herbert (1885-1957) served in WW1

Lily J (1888- )

Elsie M (1889- )

Ernest George (1892-1982) served in WW1

Harry (1902-1912)

Margaret (1904-1999)

**Marriage:** Gladys Daisy Yaxley on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1927  
at St Peter's Church, Neatishead

**Children:** No known children

**Military & War service:** 13800, Sergeant E C Blackburn  
9<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Regiment

Discharged 29<sup>th</sup> November 1918

**Medals:** Military Medal awarded 24<sup>th</sup> April 1917

Bar to Military Medal awarded 13<sup>th</sup> June 1919

British War Medal and Victory Medal

**1901 census:** Aged 3, living in Work House Common  
Father's occupation - Farm Steward

**1911 census:** Aged 13, living in Sow's Loke, Neatishead  
His occupation - Assisting on Farm

**Death:** 17<sup>th</sup> February 1956, aged 58

**Address at death:** The Haven, King Street, Neatishead

**Probate:** Probate 18<sup>th</sup> September 1956  
to Gladys Daisy Blackburn widow  
Effects £3317 17s. 10d. (*source: ancestry.co.uk*)

*Source:- forces.war.records.co.uk:-*

The military decoration was awarded to E C Blackburn for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire or for individual or associated acts of bravery which were insufficient to merit the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Gazette issue 30036. M.M. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the Field.

Gazette issue 31405. Bar to Military Medal. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Military Medal.

*Source: Norfolk Regimental Museum Casualty Register (ref 127B):-*

13800 L/Sgt 9/8 (Btn) Blackburn, E

Epididymitis - 1 Stationary Hospital, Rouen 24.03.1917

Shrapnel wound left hand slight – 3 Canadian General Hospital, Boulogne  
18.04.1918

Influenza – Queen Mary's Military Hospital, Whalley 26.10.1918

*Source: The North Walsham & District Parish Magazine:-*

## **FEBRUARY, 1917.**

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Lc.-corpl. B. Sands, who, on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, was awarded at Herringfleet the Military Medal for bravery on the field. Also we congratulate **Edward Blackburn**, who, we hear, has gained the same distinction. This is a great honour paid to both and, through them, to our parish. Again we say, well done, Neatishead!