

# George William COOKE

**The Norfolk  
Regiment**



**Born:** c.1895, Ludham  
*(known as William George on 1911 Census)*

**Baptised:** not known

**Parents:** Samuel George and  
Anne Elizabeth Scarland  
(died 6<sup>th</sup> June 1929, aged 49)

**Siblings:** Alice (born 1894)  
Bessie (born 1897)  
Daisy (born 1903)  
Lear (born 1905)  
Norman (born 1908)  
Eliza (born 1909)  
Winnie (born 1910)

**Schooling:** Not known

**Occupation:** Farm Labourer (working for Herbert Mason of  
Irstead Hall)

**Address:** Beeston St Andrew *(1901 census)*  
The Shoals, Irstead *(1911 census)*  
Shoals, Irstead *(1918 NM Electoral Register)*  
Strumpshaw, Norfolk 1925

**Marriage:**

11<sup>th</sup> June 1921, Amelia Wright, aged 35

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1921. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Instead in the County of Norfolk

| No. | When Married.              | Name and Surname.    | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the Time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
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| 115 | June 11 <sup>th</sup> 1921 | George William Cooke | 26   | Bachelor   | Labourer            | Instead                            | Samuel George Cooke        | Labourer                      |
|     |                            | Amelia Wright        | 35   | Spinster   | —                   | Instead                            | John Wright                | Labourer                      |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after banns by me, John Gough Peck Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George William Cooke X his mark, in the Presence of us, Hugh George Wright and Alice Selena Garratt Wright

(source: NRO PD 245/8)

**Military & War service known as George William Cooke:**

Signed up (Short Service Enlistment) 4.9.14.

Regiment No: 15685.

Service at Home and Abroad

MEMORANDUM

REGIMENTAL HISTORY SHEET.

| COUNTRY | FROM     | TO       | YEARS | DAYS | N.B.—The Country only to be shown — it is not necessary to show separately the service in the different stations in the same country. England, Scotland and Ireland to be shown under the general term "Home". For mode of computing Service Abroad, see King's Regulations. |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|------|--|
| Home    | 4.9.14   | 24.7.15  | —     | 324  |  |
| France  | 25.7.15  | 20.10.18 | 3     | 88   |  |
| Home    | 21.10.18 | 10.11.19 | —     | 172  |  |

BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE France 25.7.15-20.10.18

1915/16 Medal  
Victory Medal  
 Wounded in Thigh & leg 6.16.15  
 Wounded in Thigh & leg 26.11.18  
 Wounded 14.10.18

Accidentally wounded 7.5.17 (Remained at duty)

Name and Address of next of kin: Father Samuel Cooke, Instead, Shoals, Norfolk.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow, (b) place and date of marriage, (c) name of officiating Minister or Registrar, and (d) names of two witnesses.

Christian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

Note.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialed by the Officer making the entry. To be made through (a) in the case of a soldier, married without leave whilst serving with the colours, who desires the entry to be made: (b) when a soldier is married whilst in the Reserve.

Posted to Norfolk Regiment, 8<sup>th</sup> Btn 6.9.14, Pte (and later 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Btn).

Went to France with the British Expeditionary Force 25.7.15. Suffered gunshot wound to thigh and leg June 1916

**Medals:**

Victory, British, 14/15 Star

**Death:**

Sept 1976, Wayland, Norfolk, aged 81