

George William FINCH



Born: 19th March 1885 in Neatishead, Norfolk

Baptised: -

Parents: Father: Charles William Finch
(born c.1851 in Neatishead, died 1950)

Mother: Tryphena Willis
(born c.1857 in Horning, died c.1901)

Siblings: Ethel May (born 23rd July 1880 in Neatishead,
died Sept 1970 in Norwich)

Charles J (born c.1882 in Neatishead)
February 1915 unfit for military service

Albert Arthur (born 11th September 1887
Neatishead, baptised 6th September 1887)

Althea Maria (20th October 1889, died 1963)
married Thomas Miller **served in WW1**

Sidney Charles (1901-1978)

Born 23 July 1880	Nov. emb. 6 1887 No. 374.	Ethel May	Charles William or Tryphena na	Finch	Neatis- head	Labourer	Henry Broome Vicar
Born Sep. 11 1887	Nov. emb. 6 1887 No. 375.	Albert Arthur	Charles William or Tryphena na	Finch	Neatis- head	Labourer	Henry Broome Vicar

(Source: NRO Parish Records PR-N160)

Marriage: no record found

Children: -

1891 census: Aged 6, living in King Street, Neatishead
Father's occupation listed as Agricultural Labourer

1911 census: Aged 26 and single, living with Grandmother Sarah Ann Finch, his father and brother in King Street, Neatishead
His occupation listed as Farm Labourer

Military & War service:

Private, 12th Northumberland Fusiliers

Medals: Victory, British

Death: March 1970, aged 85

Burial: -

Source: The North Walsham & District Parish Magazine:-

FEBRUARY, 1915.

We sympathise with Charlie and **George Finch** who loyally offered their services for King and Country, but upon medical examination were rejected as "unfit for military service." They, however, have shown their loyalty and patriotic feelings equally with those who now wear the King's uniform.

JULY, 1918.

We are glad to hear that Privates **George Finch**, Arthur Finch and Thomas Miller (all seriously wounded) are progressing very favourably. We are also pleased to hear of the steady progress of Sergt. Felstead.

The Northumberland Fusiliers

Often known as the "Fighting Fifth" as the regiment was until 1881 the Fifth Foot, the Northumberland Fusiliers raised no fewer than 51 battalions for service in the Great War. This makes it the second largest after the London Regiment.

12th (Service) Battalion

Formed at Newcastle in September 1914 as part of K3 and came under orders of 62nd Brigade, 21st Division.

Landed in France September 1915.

10 August 1917: amalgamated with 13th Bn, becoming 12/13th Battalion.