



Name **HAROLD MAWDSLEY SMITH**

DOB 1892

Place of birth Wolstanton

Lived at Brough Lane in 1911 and Park Drive in 1916

Occupation Clerk and Motor Driver Learner

Family Widowed mother Emma Smith and two sisters

Marital Status Married at Trentham Parish Church 29 Dec 1916

Wife Millicent Pennington, a shorthand typist, from Trentham Station House, where her father was the station master.

Children None

Age at joining 24 years 1 month

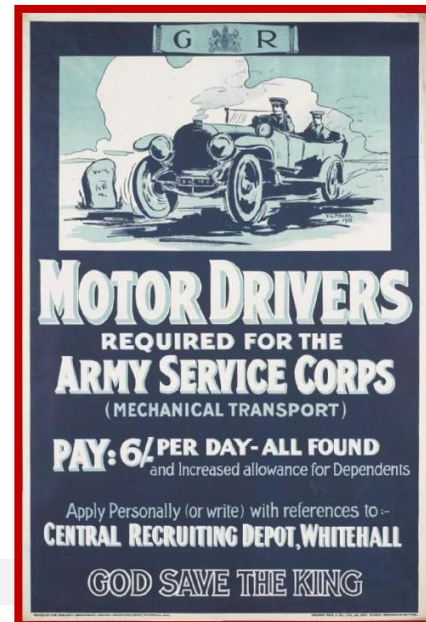
Joining location Grove Park, Lee, London S.E.

Service Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport

Service dates Called up 12/9/16
Joined 19/9/16
Driver Training 19/9/16 to 8/3/17
Passed learners' test 3/2/17
Sent to East Africa 9 March 1917

Reg number DM2/209648

Rank Private, but promoted to Quarter Master Sergeant 1/12/17 without pay



Date of death 13 December 1918

Age at death 26

Place of death 3rd General Hospital, Beach, Durban, South Africa

Cause of death Pneumonia and Influenza [Epidemic]

Grave Durban (Stellawood) Cemetery, F. 108.

Medals Victory and British Star



Other information

- Height 5ft 2^{3/8} ins
- His initial pay during training was one shilling and twopence per day.
- The service records contain several items of correspondence relating to queries by his widow about his rank when he died. There was confusion as to whether his reported rank of Quarter Master Sergeant was valid and attracted a higher rate of widow's pension. She was finally granted a pension of 13s 9d per week from 23/6/19

