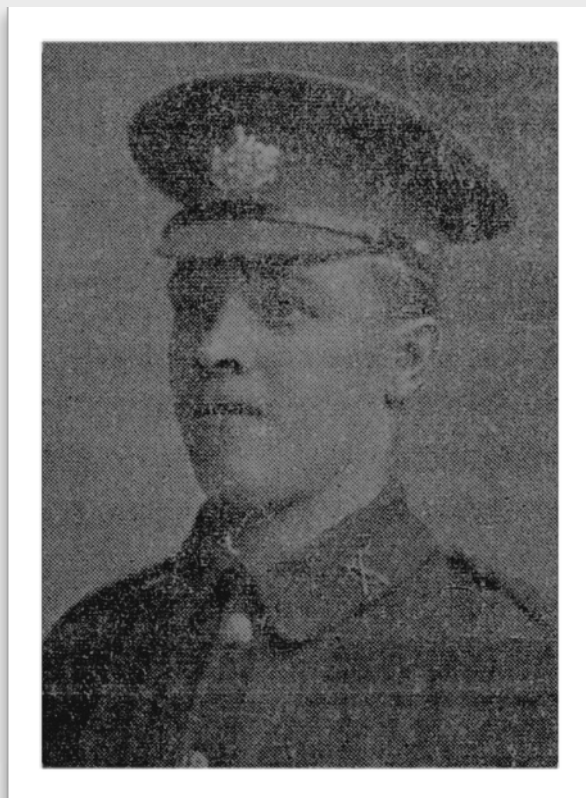


Cheltenham & Gloucester Branch  
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The Western Front Association

Remembering one of Gloucestershire's Fallen



Private Sidney Meek (22767)  
7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment

**Sidney Meek** was born in 1889. He was one of fifteen children of John and Annie Meek of Harry Hill, Drybrook in the Forest of Dean. He was a coal miner.

Sidney enlisted at Cinderford, his name appearing in a list of recruits published in the Dean Forest Mercury on Friday, 12 November 1915. Lists of recruits were regularly published in this newspaper until the end of 1915 to promote the recruitment drive of its proprietor, Sir Henry Webb MP, *"Pour encourager les autres"*.

He was first posted to the 15<sup>th</sup> (Reserve) Battalion, the Gloucestershire Regiment for training before transferring to 7<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion and posting to Mesopotamia.

He was listed as killed in action on 10 February 1917, aged 28 years, and was buried in Amara War Cemetery. He is also remembered on the memorials at Holy Trinity Church and the Memorial Hall at Drybrook.

