Richard Cecil Hermon Kent

Private 7397491, Royal Army Medical Corps Died January 18th 1943, aged 40 Memorial at St Endellion Churchyard

Richard Cecil Hermon Keat was born in early 1902 to John George and Elizabeth Louisa Kent. In the 1911 census, they were living in Church Street, St Blazey, where John was recorded as a Fish Hawker and Elizabeth as a Lodging House Keeper. Richard had a 16 year old sister, also Elizabeth Louisa. In 1926 he married Emmeline J Glover. He is the father of Donald Kent and Amanda Burnard (nee Kent).

Richard was in the Royal Army Medical Corps, a special corps within the army providing essential medical services. This is defined under the Geneva Convention as a noncombatant force and may only use its weapons in self-defence. For this reason, the corps still maintains two traditions when on parade; Officers do not draw swords but simply hold their scabbard with the left hand whilst saluting with the right, and other ranks do not fix bayonets. New recruits would undergo a six month course at the RAMC Depot, Crookham Camp in Aldershot.

Private Richard Cecil Hermon Kent died at Stanfield Sanatorium in Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent. The cause of death is recorded as Tuberculosis Laryngitis and Pulmonary Tuberculosis. His address is given as 3 Hartland Road, Port Isaac and his occupation is recorded as Private RAMC (Coast Watcher). He is buried in St Endellion Churchyard.







The Grave of Private Richard Cecil Hermon Kent in St Endellion Churchyard



Royal Army Medical Corps badge 'Faithful in Adversity'

In Memory of

Private

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Remembered with Honour St. Endellion (St. Endellienta) Churchyard





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