

Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum

Research Enquiry

Name of enquirer	Daniel Hill
Name of subject	George Jenkins
Army number	27203
Regiment	Gloucestershire Regiment
Battalion	8 th Battalion

Which conflict/s did the subject serve in?

- WWI

At which major battles, if any, could the subject have served?

- **Loos-** An Allied offensive was ordered in September 1915, with the idea of decisively splitting the German forces and knocking them out of the war completely. The British would attack the Germans at Artois, whilst the French did so at Champagne.
- **Somme-** Despite much debate amongst historians, the goal of the Somme was simply to relieve pressure on allies fighting elsewhere. Specifically the French at Verdun, but also the Russians at Galicia and the Italians at Trentino. The Battle of the Somme is so vast that it actually ended up being multiple battles in one campaign. The 8th Battalion saw action particularly at La Boisselle and High Wood.
- **Ypres 1917-** Like many of the larger operations in WWI, Ypres 1917, perhaps better known today as Passchendaele, was actually multiple battles bundled together. The Allied plan was to break out of the Ypres Salient and drive to the coast, neutralising the German U-boat threat. The French army had begun to mutiny after the disastrous Battle of Aisne so the British would have to go this one alone.

Any other information

- Wounded at Messines (April 1918) with shrapnel wounds to his neck and head.
- Wounded again just two months later at the Battle of Sambre (June 1918).
- Jenkins was awarded the Military Medal twice showing himself to be a true hero of WWI.
- However, these medals were forfeited on 30/03/1919 when Jenkins was charged with desertion.

Please find attached additional documents...

- Pages 218-230 of the book 'Cap of Honour'.
- Page 51 of 'Back Badge' magazine. Winter 1986 edition.
- Page 23-27 of 'Back Badge' magazine. Summer 1953 edition.

Suggested further reading

- A Gallant County, by Robin Grist. Available at:

<https://soldiersofglos.com/product/a-gallant-county-the-regiments-of-gloucestershire-in-the-great-war-by-robin-grist/>

- Never Feared A Foe of Any Kind. Available at:

<https://soldiersofglos.com/product/never-feared-a-foe-of-any-kind-the-glostons-1694-1994/>

- War narratives, by Captain Grazebrook. Available at:

<https://soldiersofglos.com/product/the-gloucestershire-regiment-war-narratives-1914-1915/>

- A Tommys Sketch Book, by Henry Buckle. Available at:

<https://soldiersofglos.com/product/a-tommys-sketchbook-writings-and-drawings-from-the-trenches-signed-by-jack-russell/>