PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

Frederick William Nicolle 6th July, 1878 - 8th May, 1947







Frederick Nicolle's first pay-book as a soldier in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.







The earliest available photograph of Frederick William Nicolle and his wife Beatrice (nee Neighbour), on a postcard showing the members of the Caledonian Lawn Tennis Club, Brockley, in 1906.

1914, Jack Beat, Fred & Pat. This photo, with Beat's face covered by a Robertson's golliwog, was carried by Fred Nicolle throughout the Great War on the Western Front. en 01 The

The photograph which was taken of Frederick Nicolle, his wife Beatrice, sons Jack and Pat, in the garden of their house in Birmingham before he joined up in 1914. It was originally thought to have dated from 1914, but it now believed to date from around

1912. Beatrice originally stuck a golliwog from a Robinsons jar of jam over her own face (the outline of which can still just be seen when the picture is angled to the light) because she did not consider herself to be a good looking woman. Frederick carried this picture with him throughout his time in the Army. On the back of the card, Beatrice has written: "My dear Nic, I thought I had rather spoiled the first group, so have had another taken which I think you will like better. Much love from Pat, Jack and myself."





2nd Lt. CL Jeffrey and Capt. GM Turner of C Company 1st/5th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment in a newly dug trench, probably near Arras on the Western Front. The trench has a sign reading OUVRAGE NICOLLE (work of Nicolle (Ed's Note: Is Ouvrage an Outworks?)), almost certainly having been made by a section under the command of Frederick Nicolle, there being no other men with the surname Nicolle in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at this time. The picture is in an album of photographs taken in 1915-1916 by Capt. JA Wall who was initially a member of the 16th (3rd City of Birmingham) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, then later of the 13th (Reserve) Battalion of the same regiment. (Courtesy of Birmingham Library Services)





CQMS Frederick Nicolle said to be in a Field Hospital in 1917. In fact he is wearing the "blues" worn by invalid soldiers which might suggest that the photograph was taken back in England, probably at the same time as the next picture. Frederick and a pal in a wheelchair in the Military Hospital and Recuperation Centre established in Chamberlain's House in Moseley, Birmingham, in 1917. This was, in fact, within half a mile of Frederick's home at 127 Trafalgar Road, Moseley. We call that the luck of the Nicolles.





Photographs by Patrick Nicolle with his first Box Brownie camera when taken by his dad, Frederick, to see the Royal Warwickshire Regiment parade through the centre of Birmingham after its return from the Italian Front.



Frederick Nicolle and some of his "drinking pals" (he was a bit of an enthusiast) at the Mumbles in 1919. The soldier is an American officer who had not yet been sent home to the USA after the War.



The knife (Made in Sheffield) with which an American soldier attacked Frederick William Nicolle in Winchester Barracks in 1917 or early 1918.