

Joseph Harold England (1894–1945)

Joseph Harold England was born in 1894 and was known as Harold. His mother, Martha, died July 1904, aged forty-six. His father, Samuel, married Mary Ann Haslam in 1906. Joseph attended Crich Council School and Wirksworth Grammar School before working at Lea Mills as a framework knitter and clerk. When he joined the Army (Sherwood Foresters, Notts & Derby Regiment) in August 1915 he was no longer employed at Lea Mills. Posted to France in August 1916, he was wounded and promoted from the ranks; to Second Lieutenant during March 1918 and to full Lieutenant in September 1919. He married Helen Smith in 1917 and they lived in the Market Place in Crich. Sometime after demob, the family settled in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne area, then at Heaton.



Harold with his wife Helen (née Smith) at Beadnell, Northumberland

Derbyshire Courier , 21 October 1916

Corpl H. England, Crich (wounded)

Derbyshire Courier , 29 December 1917

Another Crich soldier to receive commissioned rank is Sergeant Harold England, Sherwood Foresters. He has been over on leave during the holidays. Second Lieutenant England was badly wounded in France over a year ago.

Marriage Register St Mary's Church

27 April 1917; Joseph Harold England, 23, Clerk serving in HM Forces (son of Samuel England FWK) married Helen Smith 22 (daughter of Arthur Smith deceased butcher).

Medal Roll Index Card

He was awarded the Victory and British War medals.