

MAJOR GENERAL HAROLD HENRY BLAKE OBE (1898-1900)

He was born on 1 August 1883 in Great Yarmouth. After leaving Framlingham he served with Northumberland Fusiliers (Volunteers) from 1902 to 1903. He then got a degree at Durham University in 1907, was appointed a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corp (RAMC) on 4 February 1908.

He then went on to be House Surgeon at the Cancer Hospital in Brompton in 1907 and was appointed Captain on 4 August 1911.

During WW1 he served in France and Belgium from December 1914 to May 1915 and then again from March 1918 to the end of the war. He was mentioned twice in Despatches on 30 December 1918 and 10 July 1919. He was appointed a Brevet Major on 3 June 1918 and an acting Lt Col on 13 June 1918. He was awarded the OBE on 3 June 1919.

After WW1 he continued in the RAMC, serving on the NW Frontier of India 1930-31 (Medal and Clasp) and was appointed a Lt Col on 31 August 1932, followed by Colonel on 30 May 1933. He was Assistant Director of Medical Services, China from 1933 to 1938; Deputy Director of Medical Services, Western Command (Acting Maj Gen) from 1939-1940; Assistant Director of Medical Service, Aldershot, from 1941-1943 and was appointed an Honorary Major General on 1 August 1943.

From 1943 to 1946 he was in the Ministry of Pensions and appointed as Superintendent of the Stoke Mandeville Hospital near Aylesbury. From 1947, he was employed by Seaford Rural District Council.

Date of death unknown.