

Frederick Ronald Pembleton

Fusilier. D.E.M.S. Personnel, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Service Number 6982091

Died 22 April 1941

Memorial in Gedling Cemetery.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2702890/FREDERICK%20RONALD%20PEMBLETON/>

Frederick Ronald 'Ron' was the son of Frederick William and Edith (nee Wilmott or Wallis) Pembleton; who married in 1914 registered in the Nottingham RD in the June quarter of that year.

The 1911 census shows them living with Frederick's parents at 6, Vicarage Street Nottingham. Frederick's occupation is a miner and Edith is a milliner.

They had two sons Jack W born on 20 April 1912 and Frederick R. born 21 June 1914, both births were registered in the Nottingham RD

The family were still in Nottingham until at least 1929 with Frederick and Edith being on the Electoral Roll for 37 Barry Street Nottingham between 1920 and 1930.

By 1939 they had moved to Gedling and are listed as living at number 5 Station Avenue, Gedling. On the 1939 register they are listed-

Frederick W born 12/2/1887 occupation Coal Miner below ground (Heavy Work)

Edith born 30/9/1879 Unpaid Domestic Duties (Housewife)

Jack W. born 20/4/1912 single occupation Engineer (Miller)

Frederick R. born 21/6/1914 Trimmer Hosiery.



In 1940 (Frederick) Ron married Muriel May Buxton. possibly at the Gedling Road Methodist Church, their marriage was registered in Basford RD during the December quarter

On the 1939 register the Buxton family were living quite near at 1, Station Road (now part of Main Road or Shearing Hill) just around the corner from Station Avenue. Muriel M. was born 21 October 1917 her occupation being a Traffic Claims Typist at 'Boots'



Ron had joined the Army in June 1940 being in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He volunteered to be a Gunner attached to the Royal Navy The initial D.E.M.S. stands for 'Defensively Equipped Merchant Ship It was whilst doing this work that he died drowning in a Cardiff dock on 22 April 1941 (although a newspaper report gives the date as 15 May)..'

An army Casualty list says that he Frederick Ronald Pembleton 'died as a result of an accident' on 22 April 1941

His death was reported in the
South Notts Echo 3rd May 1941

Killed in Action at Sea

A Gedling soldier who showed a preference for service on the high seas has been reported killed in action. He is Frederick Ronald Pembleton, of Corner House, Main-road, Gedling.

Mr. Pembleton joined the Army in June last year, but in November transferred to the Merchant Navy. After leaving school he was employed by Messrs. Lindley & Lindley, dyers and bleachers, of Bobbers Mill, Nottingham, where he remained until enlisting in the Army. He was married last October.

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Another War Casualty. Gedling people have heard with great regret of the death of Gunner Frederick Ronald Pembleton. He was accidentally drowned at a South Wales port. It is but a short time since Pembleton was married. All sympathy to his widow and parents.

All Hallows Church Parish Magazine
June 1941

Nottingham Evening Post Monday May 19th 1941
Deaths Column.

PEMBLETON-Ron (Merchant Navy) Drowned in April, devoted husband of Muriel, dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs Pembleton and brother of Jack, 5, Station Avenue, Gedling. Funeral from Corner House, Main Road Gedling, Wednesday. Service at Methodist Chapel Gedling Road at 2 o'clock. Interment 2.30 at Gedling Cemetery

A Report of the funeral appeared in the Nottingham Journal on 22nd May 1940.

Military Funeral at Gedling

With full Military Honours the funeral took place at Gedling Cemetery yesterday of Fusilier Frederick Ronald Pembleton of Station Avenue Gedling who was drowned in a dock at Cardiff on 15 May.

Fusilier Pembleton who was 26 joined the army in June 1940. He volunteered as a gunner in the Merchant Navy in November.

Last October he married Miss Muriel Buxton of 'Corner House', Gedling, It was at her request that his body was brought to Gedling for burial.

Soldiers of three wars were present at the funeral. Ex Sergt. T Harrison MSM represented the Boer war, Ex RSM G Pringle the army of 1914-18, and members of an army unit -the soldiers of the present war.-----



Muriel remarried in 1945 to Michal Piotrow registered in the Nottingham R D. in the December quarter.