



**PRIVATE FRANK MANNING**

972<sup>nd</sup> Mechanical Transport Company. Royal Army Service Corps

Service number: M2/265497

Died of dysentery, aged 20, in 69<sup>th</sup> General Hospital, Egypt, 18<sup>th</sup> November 1918

CWG details: B224 Stone number 471, Deir El Belh Cemetery, Egypt

Baptized 17<sup>th</sup> April 1898 Great Brington

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Parents: Richard and Martha Manning

New Cottages, Little Brington

Family: 3 older brothers – John Thomas – Bricklayer's Labourer

Albert - General Labourer and Arthur – General Labourer (1911 Census)

1 older sister – Hetty – Housemaid, The Cottage, Great Brington

Frank, aged 13, was a Farm Labourer (1911 census)

Victory Medal, British War Medal

Obituary – Northampton Daily Echo, 28<sup>th</sup> November 1918

MANNING. – On November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 69<sup>th</sup> General Hospital, Egypt, of dysentery. Private Frank Manning, A.S.C., M.T., youngest son of Mr and Mrs RJ Manning, Little Brington, aged 20 years.

*“Could we have raised his dying head  
And bid a last farewell  
It would not have been so hard to part  
With one we loved so well  
Too far away the grave to see  
But not too far to think of thee”*

From his loving Father, Mother, Sister, Brothers and Fiancée, Miss Wilson.

Frank’s oldest brother, John Thomas Manning was born in 1885. He married Minnie Alice Bird in February, 1916 and enlisted on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1916, occupation – chauffeur. Address at enlistment: Sutton Street, Flore. Served in Expeditionary Force, France. Demobilised – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1919. Died in March 1974 aged 88 years.

The officers and men of the ASC – sometimes referred to in a joking, disparaging way as Ally Sloper’s Cavalry – were the unsung heroes of the British Army in the Great War. Soldiers can not fight without food, equipment and ammunition. They can not move without horses or vehicles. It was the ASC’s job to provide them. In the Great War, the vast majority of the supply, maintaining a vast army on many fronts, was supplied from Britain. Using horsed and motor vehicles, railways and waterways, the ASC performed prodigious feats of logistics and were one of the great strengths of organisation by which the war was won.

At peak, the ASC numbered an incredible 10,547 officers and 315,334 men.

In Memory of

Private

**F Manning**

M2/265497, 972nd Mechanical Transport Coy., Army Service Corps who died on 18 November 1918 Age 20

Son of Richard John and Martha Manning, of New Cottages, Little Brington, Northants.

Remembered with Honour

**Deir El Belah War Cemetery**



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