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Updates to George R 2542 Gotts #108 career in the Canadian Army, including more details about his 'Mentioned in Despatches'

Posted by: lang at 15:06, February 20 2018.

We have more detail about George. including a photo of him.

We also have more details of why he was 'Mentioned in Despatches'.

[George Richard Canadian Army career.](#)



WW2 - James Atkinson 414 Gotts #040 Army record

Posted by: lang at 19:10, February 13 2018.

I have just published my Dad's army career based on his service record and personal papers and photographs.



He was called up under National Service, joined the RAMC and served in Europe after D-Day, and Norway after the German surrender was signed.

You can find the details here:

[James A Gotts Army Service WW2](#)

If you have any details of a Gotts relative's WW2 or WW1 career then I would be pleased to add them to the website.

'Giving Gotts people a voice in history'

Children in tree #009 Gresham are in the Gresham School book

Posted by: lang at 22:14, January 12 2018.

Bill Atkins has transcribed the Gresham School Logbook for 1874-1900. It provides a fascinating insight into both school life, but more importantly the family life of two families in the Gresham tree.

It describes the sort of lessons they had, the difficulties the families had in paying the 2d a week school fees, and when they didn't come because of illness or being kept off to work in the fields, or out rat-catching.

It mentions these children:

#009 Children of Alfred 277 & Maria Howlett

Anna Maria (2800), Lower Gresham

James Albert (2798)

John Henry (2799)

Minnie E (2801)

Florence (2802)

Rachel (2804)

Robert (2805) d 1894

Walter 2 (2807) d 1894

Clara Selina (2808) d 1894

#009 Children of Samuel & Johanna Pilch

George Gotts 1648?

Joanna Gotts (2792) d 1878

John W (1647)

Nathaniel (1646), Gresham

Walter 2 (1649)

Many of the children went home for lunch, though some brought lunch. The children attended when they were five, though Minnie E appears to have been sent when she was four, though they told the school she was five!

Local fairs caused several children not to attend, as did the bad weather. Bill has added in some descriptions of how bad the weather was from published sources. The frustrations of the teacher come through for not being able to educate the children when they had so much time away, as well as the parents' views on doing homework.

There are some traumatic details on why Walter Gotts could not attend school for six weeks as he was looking after his father Samuel, a widow by then, and so ill he died, and it also talks about the effect of diphtheria on the children, including the death of three of Alfred & Maria Howlett's children in the same week.

I have added a file with the Gotts entries here: [Gotts entries](#), but I recommend you to read the transcription by Bill Atkins [Bill Atkins transcription](#) as it gives a revealing insight to what it was like at school in that period.

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Thanks to Bill Atkins for his work in transcribing this and for letting me know it was available on his website.