

LIONEL F SINCLAIR

Lionel Sinclair was born Lincoln Frederick Sinclair in 1879 in Southwold, Suffolk. He was named after his mother's maiden name.

In 1881 he lived with his parents and grandparents in Market Place, Southwold. His father, John Wesley Sinclair, was in the Royal Navy.

The 1891 Census found the family living in Winfarthing, Norfolk. John Wesley Sinclair was now an elementary schoolmaster. The family now consisted of John and his wife and their 9 children. The two eldest daughters, Eva aged 15 and Alice aged 14 were working as Pupil Teachers.

By 1911, Lincoln was living at 121 Isledon Road, Islington, London and working as a Railway Clerk. His parents were living in Sausthorpe Road, Partney. His father was a Head Teacher and his mother, Ellen, an infant mistress.

Lincoln, or Lionel, served as a Sergeant Major in the Royal Engineers during the First World War. He had two regimental numbers (T)688 and 546055. The first indicates that he was originally a member of the Territorial Forces, the second that he originally served with the 1st London Company of the Royal Engineers.

He married Margaret Cock in Ipswich in 1918.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.