

Frederick Joseph Seabourn, 13033978

Corporal, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), 8th Battalion, Infantry

Frederick was the son of Frederick George Alfred Seabourn and Charlotte Elizabeth, née Royal.

1911 Census

20, Row 44, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk

SEABOURN, Richard	Head	Married	M 64 1847	Blacksmiths Striker	Yarmouth Norfolk
SEABOURN, Hannah	Wife	Married 16 years	F 48 1863		Yarmouth Norfolk
SEABOURN, Frederick	Son	Single	M 15 1896	Shipwright Apprentice	Yarmouth Norfolk

Richard's father was born in Yarmouth and his mother was from North Shields, Northumberland. Richard's first wife Sarah had died in 1891 aged 43, leaving eight children. Frederick was born 20 June 1895, the only child of Richard and Hannah, née Grave.

1911 Census

12a, Row 113, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk

ROYAL, Joseph	Head	Married	M 50 1861	Fish worker	Yarmouth
ROYAL, Charlotte	Wife	Married 28 years	F 49 1862		Yarmouth
ROYAL, Alfred	Son	Single	M 19 1892	Printers Machinist	Yarmouth
ROYAL, Charlotte	Daughter	Single	F 16 1895	Domestic Servant	Yarmouth
ROYAL, James	Son		M 14 1897	Errand Boy Grocers	Yarmouth
ROYAL, Stephen	Son		M 12 1899	School	Yarmouth
ROYAL, Eliza	Daughter		F 7 1904		Yarmouth

Charlotte was one of nine children, eight of which survived childhood. At the time of the above census the family were living in four rooms.

Frederick and Charlotte married in 1917 in Yarmouth, where they lived all of their lives. Their son Frederick Joseph was born in 1915, followed by Albert in 1918, Irene in 1921 and Gertrude in 1924.

Frederick Joseph married Dorothy Riches in Yarmouth in 1939. Joseph died 1 August 1943 and he is buried in grave II.J.43, Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. There are 2022 identified casualties buried at the cemetery of which 110 died on 1 August. Joseph was a corporal in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 8th Battalion.

The battalion went to France in early 1940 with the British Expeditionary Force, along with the 7th Battalion, forming part of the 51st Highland Division. Both battalions suffered grievous casualties in the retreat to Dunkirk with many men lost or taken as prisoners of war. The remainder of the battalion eventually escaped through Le Havre. The 7th and 8th

Battalions were re-formed from men of the 10th and 11th Battalions who were still in Scotland. The 8th Battalion saw action in Tunisia, Sicily and throughout Italy.



On 10 July 1943, following the successful conclusion of the North African campaign in mid May, a combined allied force of 160,000 Commonwealth and American troops invaded Sicily as a prelude to the assault on mainland Italy. The Italians, who would shortly make peace with the Allies and re-enter the war on their side, offered little determined resistance but German opposition was vigorous and stubborn. The campaign in Sicily came to an end on 17 August when the two allied forces came together at Messina, but failed to cut off the retreating Axis lines.

In Memory of
Corporal
Frederick Joseph Seabourn

13033978, 8th Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who died on 01 August 1943 Age 29

Son of Frederick George Alfred and Charlotte Elizabeth Seabourn; husband of Dorothy Eileen Seabourn, of Repton, Derbyshire.

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Catania War Cemetery, Sicily



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The widowed Dorothy re-married in 1945 at St Wystan's Church. In the marriage register Dorothy, aged 28, was recorded as a canteen worker of 6 Milton Road, Repton.