

## CIVILIAN SURGEON WILLIAM SISAM

**Monday, 28 July 2003**

William Sisam was born 1875 in Alcester, Warwick and baptised 6 June 1875 at Harvington-By-Evesham, Worcester (the son of Walter SISAM baptised 18 June 1842, Arrow, Warwick).

After school, he was educated at Mason University College (to-day the University of Birmingham), registered 19 May 1899 L.S.A (London) ; MB ChB 1901; MD 1903 (University of Birmingham); DPH (Cambridge) 1905; BSc (Pub Health) 1905.

He was sometime Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for West Berkshire combined district, a Fellow of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, a Member of the Royal Sanitary Institute, (in 1940) sometime Assistant MOH to the City of Birmingham, sometime MOH Handsworth District, and sometime Bacteriologist & MOH, West Riding, Yorkshire.

He retired in 1946 and appears to have died 1947 for he does not reappear in:

- The Medical Register, General Medical Council, London after 1947
- The Medical Directory, London : J & A Churchill Ltd., after 1947

I am unable to find any obituary in the professional press.

For many years, his professional address was listed as :  
William Sisam of Bank Chambers, Cross Street, READING.

Civilian Surgeon W. Sisam was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1902 with state clasps for the Orange Free State and Transvaal and a date clasp 1902. He left South Africa on board The Briton on the 12 November 1902.

To-date, I have discovered no record of his passage through South Africa during the Anglo-Boer War 1898-1902.

The importance of this communication is that it appears that all biographical details have eluded previous owners of his Queen's South Africa Medal.

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