

● Ronald Walker Aynsley 1895 - 1915



When Ronald Walker Aynsley was born on 10 August 1895, in Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom, his father, John Gerrard Aynsley, was 39 and his mother, Ann Walker, was 38. He lived in Caverswall, Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom in 1901 and Trentham, Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom in 1911. He died on 15 June 1915, in Bailleul, Nord, France, at the age of 19, and was buried in Bailleul, Nord, France.

Ronald Walker Aynsley (1895 – June 15, 1915) was a **British soldier who served as a Second Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion of the North Staffordshire Regiment during World War I.**

Early Life and Family

Birth: Born in 1895.

Parents: He was the son of **John Gerrard Aynsley** (1855–1924) and **Ann (Annie) Walker** (1856–1953) of Blurton House, Stoke-on-Trent.

Siblings: He was one of several siblings, including Gerrard, Ethel Beatrice, John, Harold Walker, Gladys Elizabeth, Wilfred Leslie, and Kenneth.

Military Service and Death

Regiment: Served with the 5th Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's).

Circumstances of Death: He died of wounds in France on **June 15, 1915**, at the age of 19.

Soldier-Servant: His personal soldier-servant (batman), Lance Corporal Frank Reade, was present at his death and later visited the Aynsley family to offer comfort.

Memorials

St. Bartholomew's Church: In 1925, his mother commissioned a three-light stained glass window and a brass plaque in his memory at St. Bartholomew's Church in **Blurton, Stoke-on-Trent.**

Wrekin College: He is commemorated on the War Memorial at **Wrekin College Chapel** and at **Alleyne's Grammar School.**

● J Michael Gillow 1932 - 2014 (Son in law to Kenneth Aynsley)

J. Michael Gillow (1932–2014) was a figure associated with **Aynsley China** primarily director and author of a well-known **poem titled "The Dog"**. This poem was featured in the centre of a series of popular collector's plates produced by Aynsley in the late 1970s, specifically around 1978.

Key details:

Role: Gillow wrote the poem "The Dog" that was used on the plates.

Collaborator: The plates featured illustrations of various dog breeds from original paintings by Mary Browning.