

**THE DOVER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT**  
**NOTES ON THE ANCESTRY OF CECIL PERCY JOHN BROMLEY**

**1914 Street Book**

P R Bromley at 4 Bartholomew Street, Dover (Cecil's father)

**1901 census**

280 London Road, Dover

Percy R. Bromley aged 30, Printers Clerk, born Dover

Amelia A Bromley, aged 27, born Bromley

Cecil, aged 4, born Dover

Minnie M, aged 2, born Dover (married William Dobson, 1923, Dover)

**Marriage of Parents**

Percy Robert Bromley married Amelia Augusta Arnold in Dover in 1895

**Ancestry of Father of Cecil**

**1881 census**

37 (Adrian Street?) Liberty Inn, Dover

Emily S. Bromley Head Widow aged 37 born Portsmouth Landport Licensed Victualler

William J. Bromley Son aged 14 born Dover Clerk

Percy R. Bromley Son aged 10 born Dover Scholar (born 15 July 1896)

Sydney M. Bromley Son aged 8 born Dover Scholar

Edwin C. Bromley Son aged 6 born Dover Scholar

Emily S.A. Bromley Daur aged 5 born Dover Scholar

Eliza A. Knott Serv aged 20 born Hougham, Dover General Serv

Sarah A. Knott aged 15 born Hougham, Dover Domestic Serv

Cecil's grandfather, John Mark Bromley had married Cecil's grandmother, Emily Sarah Kelleway in Dover in 1863. He had been the licensee of the Liberty Inn from 1868 (probably having taken over from another family member then) until his death at 35 in 1875. In 1870 he was also the licensee of the Fleece Inn, in nearby Snargate Street, Dover. Cecil's grandmother Emily remarried in 1881 to George Arnold Newman, who took over the licence at the Liberty Inn. In 1891 Percy, who would become Cecil's father, was a clerk, as were his brothers William, Sidney, and Edwin. .

**Ancestry of Cecil's mother  
1881 census**

Living at 14 Odo Road, Tower Hamlets, Dover  
George Arnold aged 40 born Battle, Sussex, Railway Guard  
Clara Arnold aged 39 born Bexley Heath, Kent  
Clara Arnold aged 12 born Bickley, Kent Scholar  
George Arnold aged 10 born Bickley, Kent Scholar  
Alice Arnold aged 8 born Bickley, Kent Scholar  
Amelia Arnold aged 6 born Bickley, Kent Scholar  
Rachel Arnold aged 4 born Bickley, Kent Scholar  
Ruth Arnold aged 2 born Bickley, Kent  
Russell Arnold aged 1 born Bickley, Kent

in the 1891 census the Arnold family were living in Dover

**Death announcement,  
Dover Express and East Kent News, 10 November 1916**

**BROMLEY.—Killed in action on November  
2nd, Cecil P. J. Bromley, Sergeant Pilot,  
1 Royal Flying Corps, aged 20 years, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Bromley, of 4, Bar-  
tholomew Street, Dover.**

**Sgt Bromley may have been flying BE 2d 5760,  
Below is a BE 2c (source: Wikimedia Commons)**



## DOVORIAN FLYER KILLED.

Further details have been received in regard to the death of Sergeant Pilot C. Bromley, Royal Flying Corps, the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Bromley, of 4, Bartholomew Street, Dover, the announcement of which appeared last week. It appears that he was flying with Second Lieut. Wood on artillery observation\* at 2,500ft., when they were attacked by a German machine, which suddenly came down on them from a cloud. Sergeant Bromley was shot in the head, and Lieut. Wood was seriously injured in the arm and chest, but he brought his machine down within our lines. Sergeant Bromley afterwards died whilst being removed to the dressing station, and Lieut. Wood has had to have one of his arms amputated. A photo of the grave has reached Mr. and Mrs. Bromley. It is surmounted by a wooden cross bearing the inscription:—"Sergeant C. Bromley, R.F.C. Rest in peace."

Sergeant Bromley, like many other young Dovorians who saw so much of the early development of flying, was always very keen on it. After spending two years in Messrs. Mowll and Mowll's office, he left to join Mr. Chalmers, who was conducting aviation experiments at Whitfield, and a week or two before the war he joined the Royal Flying Corps. He went to France shortly after the war broke out, being then 18 years of age, and his energy and devotion to duty brought him early promotion. He was made sergeant, and a few months since was sent home for a course of instruction in flying and, having gained his pilot's certificate, he returned to France.

Mr. and Mrs. Bromley have received a large number of letters from their many friends, and they wish to ask those to whom they are unable to reply by letter to accept their heartfelt thanks for the genuine sympathy displayed, which they gratefully appreciate.



Picture of Cecil Bromley from his Pilot's Licensing details

Commemorated on

Dover Town Memorial  
The Arras Flying Services  
Memorial, France

Marilyn Stephenson-Knight  
4 July 2010