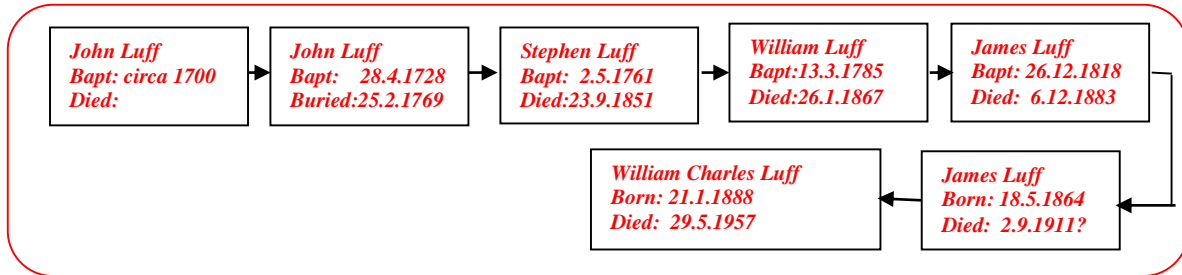


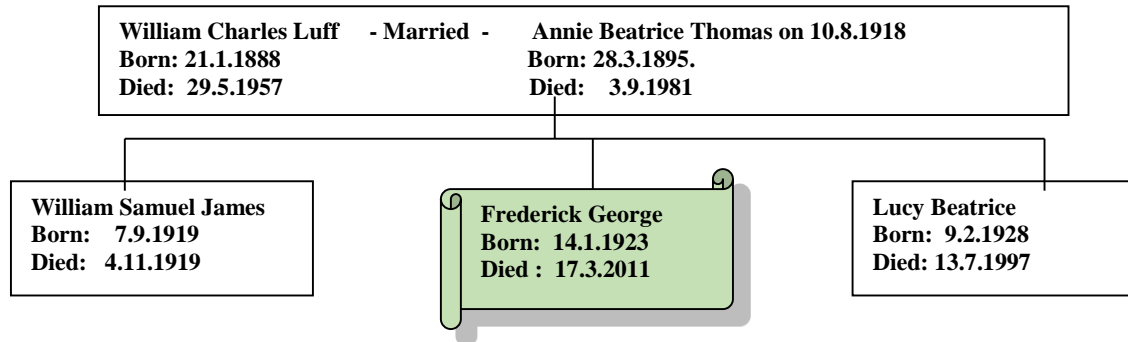
**Frederick George Luff 1923 - 2011**

(web-site: [www.mike-jl.co.uk](http://www.mike-jl.co.uk))

**Family Lineage:**



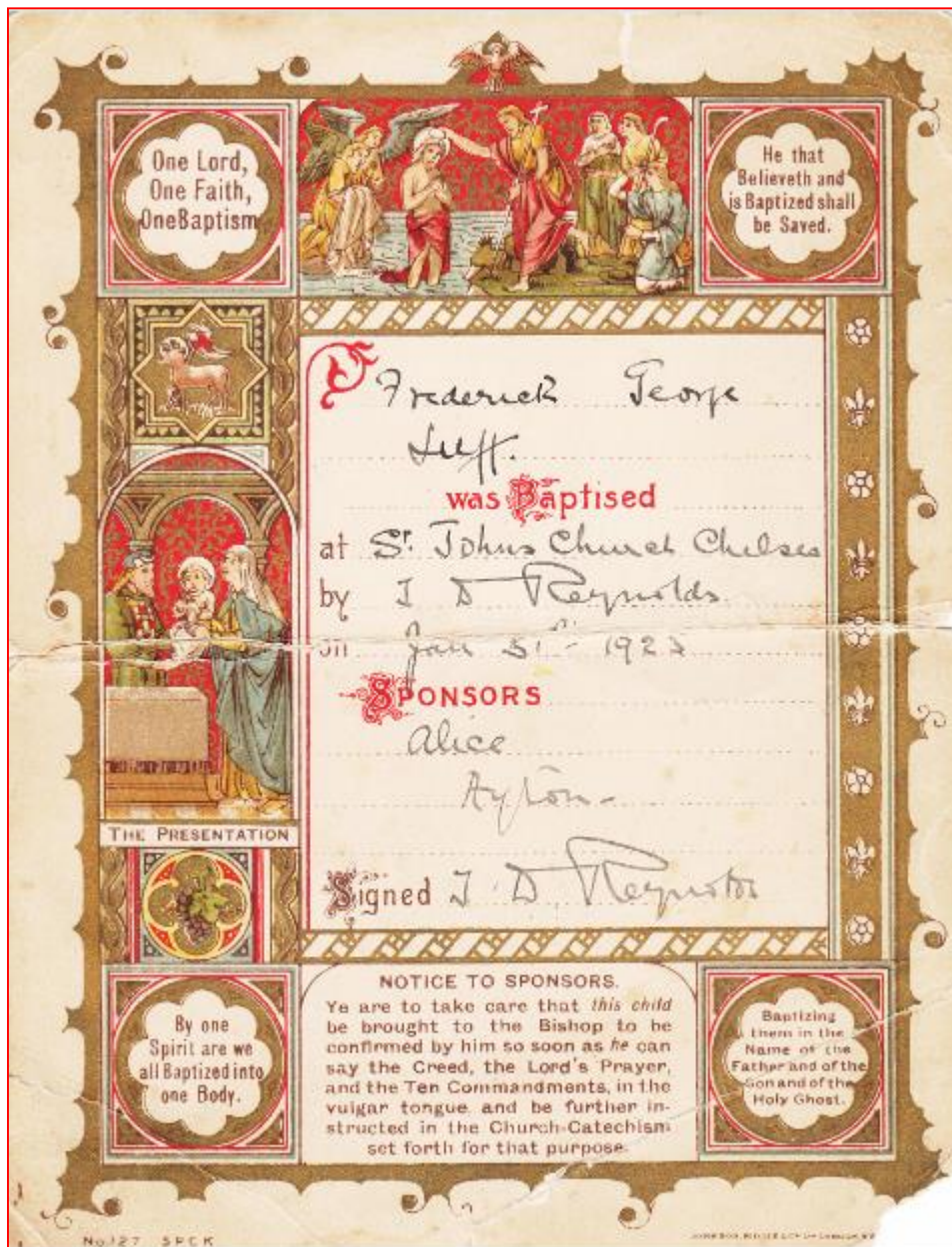
Frederick George was born at 33 Stadium Street, Chelsea, London on 14th January 1923. He was the son of William Charles and Annie Luff. (Source: Official Birth certificate)



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Frederick George Luff was baptised at St John's Church, Chelsea on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1923.

His sponsor was Alice Ayton, later to become his Aunty Alice (she married Samuel George Thomas)



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Frederick then went to St Marks Practising School, Fulham Road, West Brompton S.W.10 at the age of 11. The following is a report from the Head Master, probably obtained as a reference for a job.

The Report was dated 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1937, and reads as follows:

“ Frederick George Luff (14.1.1923) has been a pupil at this school for about three years. During that time I have always found him to be a thoroughly honest truthful and straightforward boy. His conduct and general behaviour have been quite satisfactory.

He is willing and obliging. At present he is working in the top class of the school and shows good ability in all the essential subjects.

H R Neilson  
Head Master”

Frederick started work in 1937 at Queen Ann’s Bounty in Millbank. After the war Queen Ann’s Bounty was absorbed into the Church Commissioners.

On 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1941 joined up and was accepted in The Royal Marines in Acton, West London.

He subsequently enlisted at Royal Marines reserve Depot at Exmouth on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1941.

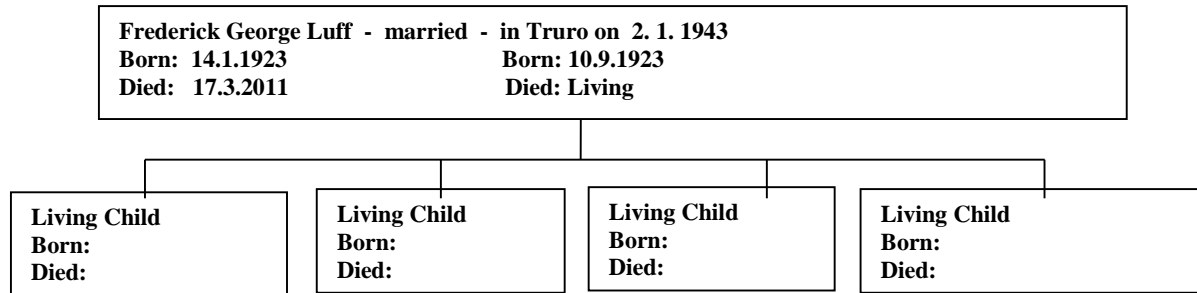
Frederick George Luff after enlisting in 1941.



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Frederick met Betty in Truro in 1942. Betty went to London and met Frederick's family in the autumn of 1942, at Hortensia House, Chelsea. This was the first time she had ever visited London. Betty returned to Truro until the war finished.

Frederick George married at Kenwyn Church, Truro. He was married for 68 years.  
 (Source: Official Marriage certificate)



During the war Frederick & Betty lived in Truro, when Frederick was on leave. Their first child was born in Redruth, Cornwall. In 1946 the family went to live with Frederick's mother and father at 34, Hortensia House, Chelsea.

Frederick was demobilised in 1946, he was awarded the following campaign medals:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Africa Star
- Italy Star
- France and Germany Star
- Defence Medal
- War Medal
- Malta George Cross Commemorative Medal (awarded in 1994)

His War Gratuity & Post War Credit of Wages – from enlistment to demob was:-

War Gratuity .... 58 months service	@ 10/- per month	= £29.00
Post War Credit of Wages...1592 days service	@ 6d per day	= <u>£39.16</u>
<b>Total for serving King &amp; Country .....</b>		<b>£68.16</b>

In 1947 the family moved to a requisitioned property at 114, Beaufort Street, Chelsea, while living there their second child was born. Also while living in Beaufort Street the family befriended an eccentrically dressed man who lived opposite. This man turned out to be Quentin Crisp who later became famous as a 1970's gay icon following the publication of his book, The Naked Civil Servant.

In 1949 the family then moved to 26, Hortensia House, Chelsea, living again close to Frederick's parents. However due a serious problem with asbestos lagging on the central heating system, the family were finally moved to 42, Hortensia House, and lived there from 1951 until 1954. After which time they moved to Kent.

Their first two children went to Eel Brook Infants School, Harwood Road, just off the Fulham Road. They did however spend a few weeks at school in Truro when their mother was unwell.

In 1954 the family moved out of London following a council house 'swap' with a family who lived in a village called Westerham in Kent.

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The final electoral register while at Hortensia House, Chelsea, 1953.

HORTENSIA HOUSE, S.W.10			
		Steele, Charles R.	24
		Steele, Mary	24
		Parker, James	25
		Parker, Joyce	25
Mobbs, Avril	1	Lane, Catherine S.	26
Dickens, Charles	2	Lane, William E.	26
Dickens, Rose E.	2	Bowden, Florence L.	27
Salmon, Charles	3	Bowden, Herbert F.	27
Salmon, Lilian R.	3	Woolley, Frederick T.—J	28
Hall, Helen	4	Woolley, Jane	28
Hall, Luke H.—J	4	Harris, Florence	29
Hall, Margaret I.	4	Harris, George H. A.	29
Dawes, Dorothy E. A.	5	Harris, Jean	29
Dawes, Emily	5	Harris, Margaret	29
Davies, Henry J.	6	Crook, Harry R. B.—J	30
Davies, Katherine H.	6	Crook, Jane	30
Davies, Thomas J.	6	Johansen, Jean G.	30
Dietsch, Kathleen A.	7	Mountain, Charles J.	31
Dietsch, Norbert R.	7	Mountain, Emily H.	31
Curtis, Alec T.	8	S—Cornell, Edward G.	32
Curtis, Joseph A.	8	Cornell, Frederick J.	32
Curtis, Rose E.	8	Cornell, Harold	32
Curtis, William	8	Cornell, Iris D.	32
Temple, John	9	Cornell, Jessie	32
Temple, Mary	9	Gussman, Bertram F.	33
Ball, Ada C.	10	Gussman, Winifred E.	33
Ball, Charles E.	10	Waller, Frederick J.	33
Y—Ball, Joan M.	10	Luff, Annie B.	34
Cameron, Charles	11	Luff, William	34
Cameron, Kathleen	11	Gurney, Lilian J.	35
Palmer, William A.	12	Gurney, Louisa M.	35
Willis, Ethel	12	Hughes, Thomas H.	36
Willis, George W.	12	Stream, Elizabeth	36
Sims, Arthur J.	13	Stream, Frederick W.—J	36
Sims, Jessie M.	13	Merson, Emma	37
Pope, Thomas F.	14	Merson, Emma (Jnr.)	37
Pope, Thomas J.	14	Merson, Katherine M.	37
Pope, Violet S.	14	Merson, William	37
Hepple, Gladwys	15	Bates, Albert	38
Durston, Albert	16	Bates, Albert E.	38
Durston, Gwendoline	16	Bates, Ellen E.	38
Stygall, Frances T.	17	Pow, Edwin	39
Stygall, Joyce B.	17	Pow, Ivy	39
Pragnell, Annie	18	Mills, James W.	40
Pragnell, Harry L.	18	Mills, May A.	40
Pragnell, Harry W.	18	Mitchell, Ernest W.	41
Fox, Annie D.	19	Mitchell, Esme D.	41
Fox, Arthur F.	19	Luff, Betty M.	42
Lawrence, Charles J.	20	Luff, Frederick G.	42
Lawrence, Christine	20	Kay, Adeline C.	43
Lawrence, Ethel G.	20	Kay, Margaret M.	43
Lawrence, Gordon C.	20	Kay, Thomas	43
Jones, Frank M.	21	Read, Mary R.	44
Jones, Nellie R.	21		
Walker, Frances A.	22		
Walker, Helen F.	22		
Hemson, Ada A.	23		
Hemson, Marv T.	23		
		Satchell, Frank R.	44
		Satchell, Gladys E.	44
		Garfoot, Elsie L.	45
		Moore, Gerald	45
		Moore, Louisa	45
		Buck, Muriel R.	46
		Simester, Richard F.	46
		Simester, Rosetta C.	46
		S—Simester, Roy R.	46
		Mayhew, Dorothy M.	47
		Mayhew, James W.	47
		Garner, Doris M.	48
		Garner, Fred	48
		Skoyles, Marguërite D.	49
		Skoyles, Stephen R.	49
		Skoyles, Stephen W.	49
		Ives, Ada M.	50
		Ives, William F.	50
		Dudeny, John	51
		Dudeny, Rose E.	51
		Janes, Violet	51
		Raven, Elizabeth R.	52
		Raven, Kathleen G.	52
		Raven, Lilian E.—J	52
		Dennis, Edward J.	53
		Dennis, Evelyn V.	53
		Forrester, Christina	54
		Forrester, Daniel	54
		Forrester, Henrietta S.	54
		Forrester, Robert	54
		Forrester, William	54
		Vincent, Alfred L.	55
		Vincent, Audrey L.	55
		Vincent, Eva	55
		Reed, Ada	56
		Reed, George	56

Frederick's parents at 34, Hortensia House

Frederick & Betty Luff at 42, Hortensia House

The family moved to Westerham in Kent and lived there until 1965. While there a further addition was born.

In 1965 the family moved to Tonbridge in Kent. While there they adopted a child

In 1971 the family moved to Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

In 1979 Frederick and Betty, with their adopted son moved to Kettering in Northampton.

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In April 1982, Frederick was advised that his name had been put forward to be appointed an Member of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.)



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

IN CONFIDENCE

30 April 1982

Sir,

The Prime Minister has asked me to inform you, in strict confidence, that she has it in mind, on the occasion of the forthcoming list of Birthday Honours, to submit your name to The Queen with a recommendation that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve that you be appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Before doing so, the Prime Minister would be glad to be assured that this would be agreeable to you. I should be grateful if you would let me know by completing the enclosed form and sending it to me by return of post.

I am, Sir,

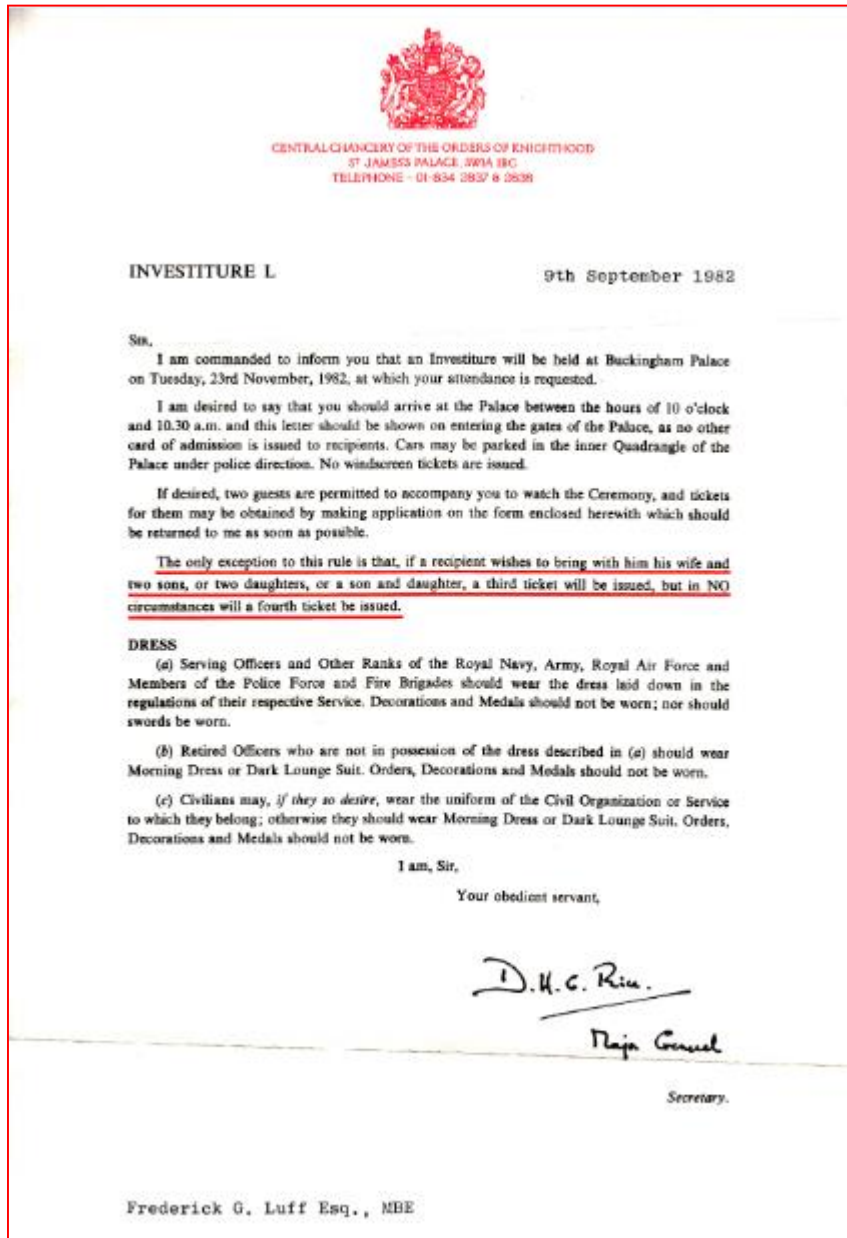
Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F G Luff'.

F G Luff Esq

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The Investiture took place at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1982.



Frederick George Luff retired in 1982. In 1983 Frederick and his wife moved to Truro, Cornwall.

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**Frederick George Luff being presented with the Royal British Legion Gold Badge, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The medal is awarded for meritorious and conspicuous service to the British Legion.**



**Frederick George Luff died from bronchopneumonia at Treliske Hospital, Truro, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011. He was 88 years old. (Source: Official Death certificate)**

**The Funeral of Frederick George Luff took place at Trelawny Chapel, Penmount Crematorium, Truro on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011. Frederick George Luff was given a military funeral represented by The British Legion, Royal Marines and Royal Naval Reserve.**

**The Eulogy was spoken by Canon Douglas Robins (the husband of Frederick's Niece)**

**Prayers were conducted by Father Gilmore, the British Legion Chaplin**

**The Last Post was played by Bugler Bill Bishop.**