

Sgt J Topping

Framed citation given to Warkworth British Legion by Mrs Topping mother of the above. It reads:

The War of 1914-1918

Irish Guards

Sergeant J Topping (killed)

was mentioned in a Dispatch from

Field Marshal Sir John D P FRENCH, G.C.B.,O.M.,G.C.V.O.K.C.M.G.

dated 31 May 1915

for gallant and distinguished services in the Field.

"I have it in command from the King to record His Majesty's high appreciation of the services rendered".

Signed: Winston S. Churchill, Secretary of State for War

War Office

Whitehall.S.W.

1 March 1919

For those interested in visiting memorials abroad Sergeant Topping is buried in CUINCHY COMMUNAL CEMETRY, pas de Calais, France. Sergeant Topping was the son of Mrs H Topping of Younger Terrace, Warkworth and was killed on 5th February 1915 serving with the 2nd Battalion Irish Guards.