

COLPUS	Ernest Harry
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	20 May 1885	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Godalming
<i>Date of Death</i>	Q1 1969	<i>Place of Death</i>	Croydon
<i>Height</i>	5ft 6in to 5ft 9in (depending upon source)		
<i>Weight</i>	11st	<i>Position</i>	Various

<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	F A		S L		U L		S E		W L		L L		S F		TOTALS	
			A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Godalming																		
Croydon F.C.																		
Thornton Heath Wed.																		
Croydon Common	9.1907	1907-08			9	2	4	2	14	7							27	11
		1908-09	9	11	4	6	3	1	11	4	2	1					29	23
		1909-10	3	2	22	3											25	5
		1910-11			6	0			22	2			8	0			36	2
West Ham United	cs1911																	
Croydon Common	cs1912	1912-13	1	0	8	0									10	0	19	0
		TOTALS	13	13	49	11	7	3	47	13	2	1	8	0	10	0	136	41

<i>Internationals</i>	None	<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>	None	<i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i>	None
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Jottings

Was the sixth of eight children
The 1911 Census records him as a professional footballer living at 27 Laud Street, Croydon with his wife Susie Lilian (married 14 June 1909), their son Ernest Ivor (b. 1910) and daughter Gabrielle Molley Huggett (b. 1911)
His first wife Susie died in 1917 at the age of just 30 and he married Helen Gertrude Cheasley in 1923 in Croydon
Played for Surrey
Played for the professional Croydon Common club many times as an amateur
Held the Croydon Common record for career F.A. Cup goals (13)
Began his Croydon Common career as a centre forward but converted to half back in the 1910-11 season
Appeared for Croydon Common in 7 minor cup matches, scoring 2 goals
Although he didn't play again for the first team, he re-registered with Croydon Common in 1913-14 and 1914-15
No first team appearances for West Ham United
He enlisted in the RASC on 27 March 1917, where his attestation papers referred to him as sober, reliable and intelligent, but he was later declared 50% disabled as a result of a ruptured muscle and was transferred to the reserve ranks in 1920
His recorded height varied greatly, but his RASC record states that he was 5 ft 7.5 in
At the outbreak of World War 2, he was a school caretaker living at 6 Bynes Road, Croydon
<i>As good a dashing centre forward as any club could desire</i>

