

ALFRED ERNEST BURTON

1878 – 1916

Alfred Ernest Burton was born at Snitterfield, Warwickshire, in 1878 the 7th child of Henry & Ann Burton. Henry was a sawyer working at the timber yard, Norton Road, Snitterfield.

Alfred became a domestic gardener and in 1905 he married Florence Emily Wagstaff in Stratford on Avon. By 1911 they had two sons, Wilfred & Raymond and they were living at The Garden, Welcome, Stratford on Avon.

Alfred enlisted into the 1st Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, No. 10516, where he became a private.

During the war the movements of the 1st Battalion were as follows:-

04.08.1914 - Stationed at Shorncliffe at the outbreak of war as part of the 10th Brigade of the 4th Division.

22.08.1914 – Mobilised for war and landed in France and the Division engaged in various actions on the Western Front including:

During 1914 – The Battle of Le Cateau, The Battle of the Marne, The Battle of Aisne, The Battle of Messines, and this Battalion took part in the Christmas Truce of 1914.

During 1915 – The Second Battle of Ypres

During 1916 – The Battle of Albert and The Battle of Le Transloy.

Unfortunately Alfred was killed in action on the 13th October 1916 and he is remembered with Honour at the Thiepval Memorial and his name is also inscribed on the Memorial Plaque in Hampton Lucy Church.

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