

## Albert Victor Jennings

Albert Victor was born in 1887 in Warwick but at the time of his enlistment in Stratford upon Avon he had been living in Moreton Morrell where he had been a chauffeur to Robert Emmet of Moreton Paddox. His mother was Mrs A Jennings of 41 Saltisford, Warwick.<sup>1</sup>

He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as a private, army no 19267. He was with the 11<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion of the RWR, 112<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 37<sup>th</sup> Division. He was killed in action on 15 November 1916 age 29.

He went to France sometime after the 1 January 1916.

In November, the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment was thrown into the Battle of Ancre:

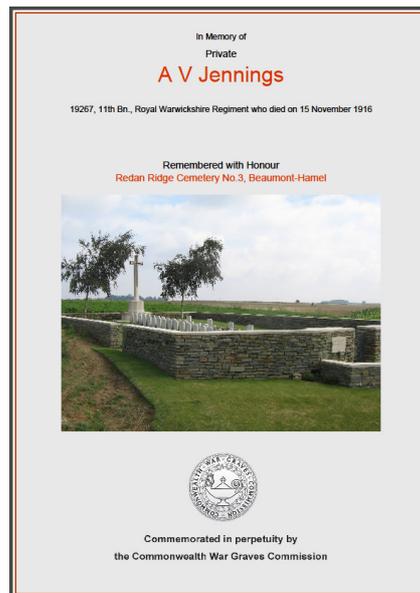
*“At 1 p.m. on November 14 the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, now attached to 99th Brigade of 2nd Division, moved forward to attack Frankfort Trench. This was beyond Munich Trench which the 1/8th and 1/6th had hoped to capture as part of 143 Brigade’s attack on July 1. The battalion was erroneously informed that Munich Trench had already been taken by the 2/Kings Royal Rifle Corps. The battalion’s attack was held up by German machine gun and rifle fire so they came back to Minden Trench. Amongst the fourteen men killed were Second Lieutenant C.W Lush, from Sherborne, Dorset, and RSM Shear, 45, from Warwick (1157).*

*On the following day the battalion was detailed to attack Munich Trench at 9.00 a.m. in support of 8/East Lancs and 10/Loyal North Lancs. The target was strongly held forcing the battalion to reorganise in Leave Trench and Wagon Road under the cover of darkness. Captain J.S Thain, the adjutant, was wounded on that day and six men were killed. The battalion lost 32 men in these abortive attacks on November 14-16 at the end of the overall battle.*

*Amongst those killed between November 14-16 were....*

- *Lance Corporal Arthur Cooke, 24, MM, who lived in Great Colmore Street, Birmingham (1158)*
- *Private Harry Harris, 20, a labourer before the war who had lived at The Cape, Warwick. His brother, Frank, also a Royal Warwick, was a POW from 1914 to the end of the war (1159)*
- *Lance Corporal Charles Beddoes, 29, 'D' company, was a Liverpool man who had been a teacher at St Saviour’s Council School, Birmingham. He had originally joined the 3rd City Battalion (1160)*
- *Privates William Curran, 21, and Albert Bryan, 28 were part of the Shropshire Light Infantry draft. The former came from Stanton Lacy, near Ludlow and the latter from Bridgnorth (1161)*
- *Private Albert Jennings, 21, before the war had been a chauffeur for Major Emmett of Moreton Paddox (1162)*

- *Captain Francis Graham, 30, had attended Rugby School at the turn of the century and had worked as a wine merchant. He was married and lived at Whitley, Coventry. He had been wounded early in the Somme battle and returned to duty on August 17. He could have been evacuated to England but decided to return to the battalion. He was sent to the base for light duty. His uncle was the Vicar of Barston. His brother, Captain George Graham, was in the RFC and was a POW in Austria. (1163)*
- *Private Horace Burton, 22, of 'C' company was a Derby scheme man who had previously been rejected for the Warwickshire Yeomanry. His parents lived at Edgbaston (1164)*
- *Private William Insell from Alveston, near Stratford, was only 17 years old (1165)*
- *Private William Maynard, 24, was a married man with two young children from Stratford on Avon who had driven a Council steamroller before the war. His brother Alfred had also been killed in the Warwicks (1166)*
- *Private Jack Tandy, 20, 'B' company. From Knowle. He had been active in the church choir, the scouts, the Institute and was a Sunday school teacher*
- *Private Arthur Boyles, 36, from Warwick, who had been a groom before the war.*<sup>iii</sup>



*Albert Victor Jennings is buried at the Redan Ridge Cemetery, No 3, Beaumont -Hamel, Somme France.*

*He is also remembered not only on the Moreton Morrell Memorial but on the Warwick War Memorial.*

Prepared by [tony\\_whiteley@hotmail.com](mailto:tony_whiteley@hotmail.com)

i County of Warwickshire Roll of Honour 1914 - 2005

ii <http://1914-1918.invisionzone.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=177682>