



## Great War in the Villages Project

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### **FREDERICK GEORGE NASON:**

Killed in action during the Battle of Langemarck (Ypres) Thursday 16th August 1917.

Age 33

Private 5<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment

Born in Ettington on 13th June 1884. He was the eldest of the five children of George Nason and his wife Mary Ann Francis. He had three sisters and a brother and they lived in Banbury Road close to the Chequers. He was a cousin of Thomas Randall Nason who also lost his life and is commemorated on the village War Memorial.

As a young adult Frederick left Ettington to work. In 1911 he was living in Kings Heath, Birmingham and working as a domestic gardener. Prior to that in 1910 he was married in Hatfield, Hertfordshire to Mary Jane Vickers and in 1912, while still in Kings Heath, their son Frederick Thomas George Nason was born.

By 1913 they went back to Hatfield where they acquired the tenancy of a cottage on Lord Salisbury's estate. Frederick was still working as a gardener and worked on the estate between October 1914 and May 1915.

Frederick enlisted for service at St. Albans in 1915 and served first in the Bedfordshire Regiment and later the 5<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment.

He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

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