

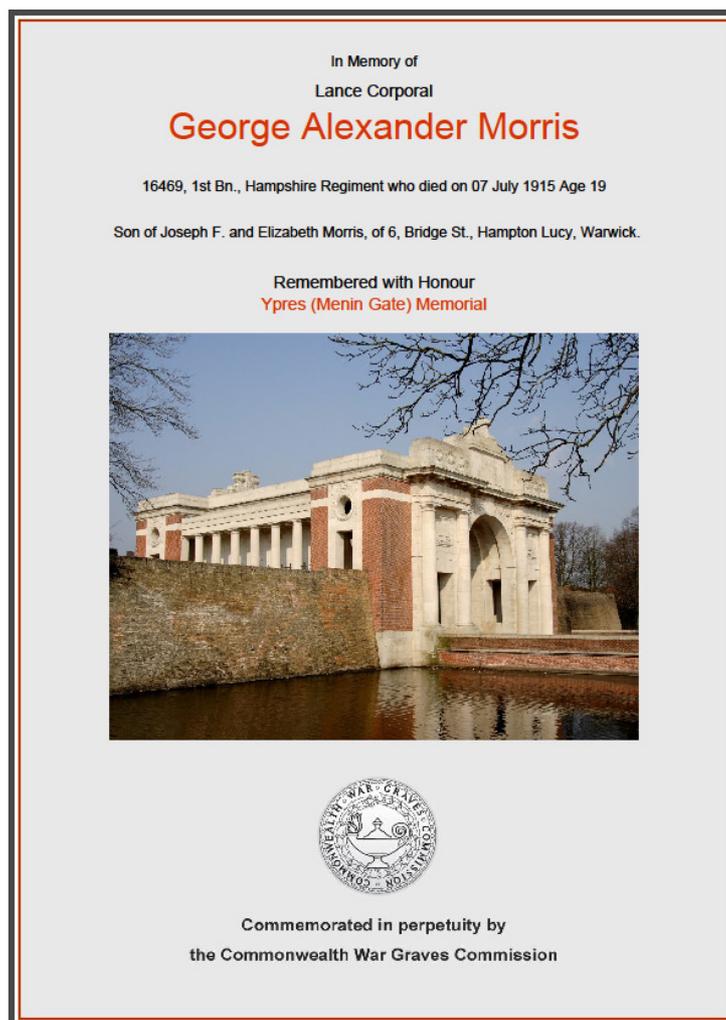
GEORGE ALEXANDER MORRIS

1895 – 1915

George Alexander Morris was born in Warwick in the fourth quarter of 1895, the eldest son of Joseph & Elizabeth Morris. Joseph was born in Lintlithgow, Scotland and Elizabeth in Manchester. However in 1901 they were living in Mill Street, Warwick, where his father was a mole catcher. By 1911 they had moved to Hampton Lucy where George was assisting his father as a mole catcher¹

He enlisted at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, into the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, no. 10564 then later transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment, no. 16469. He reached the rank of Lance Corporal.

He was killed in action on the 9th July 1915 and is remembered with Honour at the (Menin Gate) Memorial, panel 35, and also on the Hampton Lucy War Memorial.



His obituary in the STRATFORD HERALD on July 30th 1915, page 5, stated-

Hampton Lucy NCO killed in action

It is with deep regret that the village of Hampton Lucy records the death of Lance Corporal George Alexander Morris, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Morris, who was killed in action in France on July 7th.

He is the first victim of war in this parish. The news was received through the sergeant of the platoon, who found a letter in his pocket which enabled him to communicate with his friends. It appears he was struck by an exploding shell, only living two seconds afterwards and was buried in a trench with a comrade who fell with him. The death has since been officially confirmed.

Lance Corporal Morris was twenty years of age, and was a bright intelligent and finely built young fellow. He left Hampton Lucy school at the age of fourteen. While there he always manifested an upright, manly disposition. Universal sympathy is felt for the parents in the loss of their gallant son.

Lance Corporal Morris joined the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry early in the war but had recently transferred to Hants Regiment. He was much liked by his comrades, willingly helping them in any way he could.

Formerly he attended Coton End School, Warwick. The Rector held a memorial service in the Church on Wednesday evening, when psalm XXXIX and hymns 437 and 401 (A and M) were sung by the choir. The organist played the dead march at the conclusion.

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ⁱ 1901 and 1911 England and Wales Census