

James Bird

James was born in Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex in 1878. His father Edward was an agricultural labourer and together with Sarah, his mother they had at the time of the Census 1881, three boys and a daughter. James was the youngest.

At the outbreak of the War, he was employed as a stud groom and servant for Walter Buckmasterⁱ who lived at Moreton Manor.ⁱⁱ The 1911 Census suggests that he was living in Lighthorne and was married to Eliza who also came from Hatfield Broad Oak. They were married in the Autumn of 1910 in Essex.

He enlisted in Stratford upon Avon and was a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery and the Royal Horse Artillery. His army number was 175114. When he died on 30 November 1917 he was serving in France with the 15th Brigade. H.Q., Royal Horse Artillery.

He is remembered at Cambrai Memorial, Louverval

ⁱ Warwickshire Roll of Honour

ⁱⁱ 1911 Census