



Holt

World War I Casualty Biographies

VICTOR WALLACE ALFORD



Victor Wallace Alford was born in Broughton Gifford 2 miles from Holt in February 1893. His parents George and Amelia, (nee Helps) from Atworth and Melksham respectively, had married in February 1884, at Walcot, Bath and Victor was their 2nd son. George was an agricultural labourer in the Melksham and Bradford on Avon areas and the family had moved a number of times, probably while George looked for work.

In 1911 the family was living at Bradford Leigh and Victor was sharing the home with his parents and 3 brothers and a sister. He and his father were farm labourers.

Victor enlisted at Bradford on Avon and was a Lance Corporal in B Company, 1st Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment). His regimental number was 12914. He saw action in France and it is likely that he sustained injuries in helping to reinforce the front line, from which he subsequently died, on 1st October 1918. His parents were living at The Gravel, Holt at the time of his death.

SAD NEWS

SAD NEWS Mrs. G. Alford has just received the sad news that her son, Lance Corpl. V. W. Alford, Wilts Regiment, who was taken prisoner by the Germans on April 10th 1918, died at Le Cateau on October 1st, aged 25 years. The cause of death is not stated. The last heard of him was that he was working behind German lines, also a letter on September 29th begging for food of any description to be sent to him. Deceased was among the first to answer the call, joining the 6th Wilts in September, 1914. He proceeded to France in July, 1915, where he spent the remainder of his time, with the exception of about three months when he was in England recovering from a wound in the face. There are still two brothers serving one in India and another, a repatriated prisoner from Germany, on active service in Russia.

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Victor Wallace Alford was awarded:

Victory Medal C/1/102B 37

British Medal C/1/102B 37

1915 Star C/1/1B 115

He is buried in Le Cateau Military Cemetery, Nord, France.

Grave Reference: 1.B.150

Victor is commemorated on the Westbury Gardens War Memorial, Bradford-on-Avon, is named in the Christchurch, Bradford-on-Avon Section of the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury. He is also commemorated on the Holt Village War Memorial, Ham Green Holt.

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