



Holt

World War I Casualty Biographies

ASH, Albert

Albert Ash was born in Holt in 1890. His father, Edwin, was a labourer in the skin yard and his mother, Mary brought up an increasingly large family. They had moved from Great Common to 4 rooms at The Gravel sometime between the census dates of 1891 and 1901 and by 1911 Mary had given birth to 12 children, 6 of whom were still alive. Albert's older brother was Walter Ash, also killed in action in the First World War.

Albert married Maggie Gerrish, a local girl sometime between April and June 1911.

He enlisted in Warminster and initially served as a Private in the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, which later amalgamated with the 6th Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), but then transferred as a Lance Corporal to the Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment). His battalion suffered considerable losses at Wytschaete Ridge in Belgium and Albert was one of the casualties, killed in action on 10th April 1918.

Albert Ash was awarded:
Victory Medal C/1/102B 1778
British Medal C/1/102B 1778

He is commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 119 to 120

Albert Ash, Lance Corporal, 204229, 6th Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment)

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