



Holt

World War I Casualty Biographies

BATTEN, Albert John Lampy



Albert John Lampy Batten was born in 1889, at Holt, to Edward and Emily Batten (nee Cooper). The family lived at 18 White Hill, Bradford on Avon in 1891 but were living at The Midlands, Holt by 1901. Before enlisting at Trowbridge Albert was a mattress maker, possibly at Sawtell's.

Albert was formerly of the Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) but later served as a Private in the Dorsetshire Regiment. Little is known of his military service but he was killed in action in Mesopotamia on 28th September 1917.

PRICE OF FREEDOM

Private A. Batten joined the Wilts Regiment in September 1914, when at their country's call so many brave young fellows nobly came forward to fight under the flag of freedom. After a period of training he left Trowbridge with his regiment on December 10th, for India, where he remained on garrison duty for nearly two years. In September 1916, there came a call for volunteers for service in the "Gulf". Pte. Batten again answered the call, joined the Dorset Regiment and proceeded to Mesopotamia. There he took part in severe battles that preceded the capture of Bagdad and in later engagements down to September 28th, when on the day before his 29th birthday he was killed in action.

Among many letters of sympathy received by Mr. and Mrs. Batten is one from Mr. J. C. Longstaff, head master of the Holt Congregational School, who speaks in the highest terms of Prvt. Batten, who was an old scholar of the school. He was formerly employed at the Avon Rubber Works, Melksham, where he had an excellent character with both masters and men. He was also a valued member of Holt Football Club and for several years played regularly in its matches.

Another son, William has also served with the Wilts Regiment in India and is now stationed in Egypt, while a son-in-law, Pte. H. Taylor is serving with the colours in France.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Batten wish to kindly return thanks to all who have so kindly sent messages of sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.
Highfield, Holt

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Albert John Lampy Batten was awarded:
Victory Medal C/2/101B 53
British Medal C/2/101B 53

No known grave. He is commemorated on Basra Memorial, Iraq
Reference: Panels 22 and 63

Albert John Lampy Batten, Private, 202935, 1st/4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment

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