



## *Holt*

# *World War I Casualty Biographies*

### **EDWARDS, William George**

William George Edwards was born in Melksham in 1882 to Herbert and Eliza Edwards. Herbert had been born in Codford St. Mary in 1853 and was working as a mattress maker, possibly at Sawtell's factory. Eliza was born in Melksham in 1851. It seems as though the family had moved to Holt from Melksham sometime between 1885 and 1888. In 1891 the family, comprising Herbert, Eliza, Frederic, Alice, Mary, William, Rose, Sidney and Mabel was living in Bradford Leigh Road, close to Holt House. Eliza seems to have borne children at fairly regular two year intervals.

Little is known of William's early life but he also became a mattress maker and in 1911 he was living with his wife Emma, whom he married at Malmesbury in 1908 and her brother, at Horse Road in Trowbridge. This is only about 2 miles from Holt.

William George Edwards was awarded:

Victory medal C1/102/B16 1863

British medal C1/102/B16 1863

He was died on 10th May 1918 in Egypt and is buried in Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel  
Grave reference N.21

William George Edwards, Private, 200665, 1st/4th Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment)

### **References**

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