Compton Chamberlayne

Roll of Honour



World War I



267576 PRIVATE

W. HOLLOWAY

1st BN GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

18th OCTOBER, 1918

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William John HOLLOWAY

William John Holloway was born at Compton Chamberlayne & his birth was registered in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire in the September quarter of 1893.

The 1901 Census records William J Holloway as a 7 year old, living with his parents – Alfred J Holloway, a 40 year old Carpenter & Annie Holloway, aged 36. William's place of birth was listed as Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire. Also listed were 2 older siblings – Annie (aged 18) & Alfred (aged 14). The family were listed as living at the *Paulet Arms* in Hooke, West Dorset.

The 1911 Census records William John Holloway as a 17 year old Farm Labourer, living with his parents – Alfred John Holloway, a 50 year old Inn Keeper & Annie Holloway, aged 47, assisting Inn Keeper. Also listed was William's brother – Alfred (aged 24) & Lily Corbin – 5 year old grand daughter of Alfred & Annie Holloway. The family were living at *New Inn*, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset.

Private William John Holloway, service number 267576, was enlisted with the 1st Bn of the Gloucestershire Regiment. He enlisted at Bristol.

He was killed in action on 18th October, 1918, aged 25 years. Pte W Holloway was buried in Plot VI. C. 25 of the Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension in France and is acknowledged with a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.

Pte William J Holloway was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card shows he had entered a Theatre of War – France on 13/3/1915.

Pte William J Holloway is also remembered as part of 1/5th Battalion at the Gloucestershire Regiment Cenotaph in Gloucester Park, in the city of Gloucester.

HOLLOWAY William J, Pte 267576 died 18/10/1918. At rest in the Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension France VI. C. 25. CWGC listed as 1st Bn and only as W.



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Photo of Pte W Holloway's Headstone at Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France



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Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension - France

Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension contains around 760 World War 1 burials, 64 of them unidentified.

Busigny was captured by the 30th American Division and British cavalry on 9 October 1918, in the Battle of Cambrai, and in the course of the next two months the 48th, 37th and 12th Casualty Clearing Stations came successively to the village. The majority of the burials were made from these three hospitals. The cemetery extension was begun in October 1918, and used until February 1919. After the Armistice it was enlarged when graves were brought into Plots II-VII of graves from a wide area between Cambrai and Guise

Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension Photographs

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