



Alfred James Burford

1899 - 1977

Alfred James Burford was born in Bristol on the 6th November 1899 the son of John Alfred and Fanny Burford. He was the elder brother to Arthur and Dora.

Alfred worked as a motor body builder for the Great Western Railway in Bristol.

Alfred enlisted on the 21st January 1917 age 17 and served as a Private with the 1st Gloucester Regiment. He left Folkestone on the 3rd August 1918, sailing to Boulogne where he was transferred to the 1st /1st Battalion Herefordshire Regiment in Rouen.

During Alfred's time of service the Regiment, as part of the 34th Division saw action at the Battles of Soissonais, The Ourcq and the capture of Baigneux Bridge. They took part in the Final Advance in Flanders and at the Armistice, they were at rest in the area east of Courtrai when they were selected to join the Army of Occupation and began to move towards Germany.

In March 1919 he was posted to the 1/4 Suffolk Regiment and was finally transferred to the Army Reserve for demobilisation in 1919. He returned to England in 1921 and then served in Ireland. Alfred died in Bristol in 1977.

He is the uncle of Brenda Staples (wife of the late Terry Staples, vicar of Winsford) and great uncle of Tracey Staples, their daughter who both currently live in Winsford.



Alfred (centre) with his family.



Terry, Brenda and Tracey Staples



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