



William Quartley

1888 - 1917

William Quartley was born in Dulverton in 1888, the son of Ellen Needs of Mousehanger, Dulverton.

William joined the army in 1911 and served as a Private 8436 in the Devonshire Regiment in Egypt guarding the Suez Canal. He returned to England when war broke out and was then sent to France, where his Regiment proceeded to the Western Front.

William was wounded on 3rd July 1916 and was admitted to the Stationary Hospital at Rouen. On recovering he transferred to the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment (Private 29689). He was once again wounded on 20th October and was admitted to the General Hospital at Etaples. On the Easter Monday he took part in the great attack of the Battle of Arras and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

William was killed in action at the battle of Arras on the 9th April 1917 in France and is Remembered with Honour at the Bucquoy Road cemetery, Ficheux, France and in Winsford Church.

A memorial Service was held in Winsford Church, which was conducted by the Rev. G. Swift and attended by a large congregation.

In Memory of
Private
W Quartley
29689, 2nd Bn., Wiltshire Regiment who died on 09 April 1917 Age 29
Son of Ellen Needs, of Mousehanger, Dulverton, Somerset.
Remembered with Honour
Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux



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"On 9 April the battalion launched their attack at 1138 hrs, the distance to their objective (the Hindenburg Line) being some 2,500 yards. Considerable hostile shelling was experienced throughout. To reach their objective 2 sunken roads had to be crossed where heavy machine gun fire was encountered. The advance continued right up to the enemy wire, which although damaged by the artillery bombardment, was not sufficiently cut to allow the troops to enter the enemy trenches. The battalion had to fall back to the area of the sunken road and dig in. Total casualties for the action were 352."

The Battle of Arras - Regimental Records.



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