



Albert Thomas Herbert, Signaler, 3/5332
1st Bn. Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry



Casualty of War

Albert Thomas Herbert was born in Fulham in January, 1897, the second of twelve children born to John Edward Herbert and Emma Eliza Maria, formerly Burchett. His parents moved to Wateringbury in 1916 when his father took a job at the gasworks belonging to the company Frederick Leney & Sons Ltd., Situated at the bottom of Bow Road. Their first home was 'New Cottage', accessed up a drive leading from Bow Road, just below the present Handy Stores. From 'New Cottage', the family moved to The Wheatsheaf at the southern end of Pizien Well Road. Following the death of Albert's father in November 1918, his widowed mother moved to one of Gauthern's Cottages (commonly known as 'Gas House Cottages'), which once stood behind the old Telegraph pub where Waterside Mews now stands.

Having enlisted as a regular soldier in Fulham on 26th February, 1914, Albert was posted to the 1st Battalion, DCLI Regiment in Bodmin.

Theatre of War France and Flanders.

According to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Albert was killed in action on Tuesday 5th September, 1916, aged 19. However, his battalion's war diary implies that he was more likely killed on 3rd September at the battle of Guillemont Wood, one of the most bloody actions of the whole Somme offensive.

Albert is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, pier & face 6B.

His names is in the Book of Remembrance at the DCLI Museum in Bodmin, Cornwall.

Albert is also commemorated on the WWI Memorial in the Chapel of St George in Wateringbury church.