

Private Edward J Butcher

12637 Wiltshire Regiment



Edward Butcher was the son of Mr and Mrs J. Butcher and was born in Overton in 1889. In 1911 he was a labourer, single, aged 22, living with his brother in law in London Road, Overton.

The Wiltshire Regiment served continuously in France from 1914. His medal card shows that he was in France in July 1915. He died on 19th Jan 1917, aged 27.

Hants & Berks Gazette, Sat Jan 27 1917

'Death of Pte. Edward Butcher. Overton has to mourn another of her gallant sons in Pte. Edward Butcher, Wilts Regt., who died in the Connaught Hospital at Aldershot on Friday night last. He was the brother of Pte. Harry Butcher, who was recently killed by his side on the Somme. Pte. Edward Butcher, shortly after his brother's death, had leave for ten days and came to Overton, where he was taken ill with quinsy. He was removed first to Andover and subsequently to Aldershot, where complications set in and he died.'

Quinsy is an abscess around the tonsils. In the days before antibiotics it could be fatal even if it was drained.

He was buried in Overton Churchyard. Mr. F. C. Butcher is recorded as his next of kin on the Headstone Report, paying for a personal inscription 'WITH CHRIST WHICH IS FAR BETTER' to be added to the headstone. Edward was awarded the Victory and British medals.



Campaign :— 1914-15.		(A) Where decoration was earned.					
		(B) Present situation.					
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	METAL	ROLL	PAGE
(A) BUTCHER	Wiltshire	Pte	12637			8/102	2/247
(B) E.J.B.						20	20
Action taken		Died					
THEATRE OF WAR.		(1) France					
QUALIFYING DATE.		19.7.15.					
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