Private Albert Henry Winter

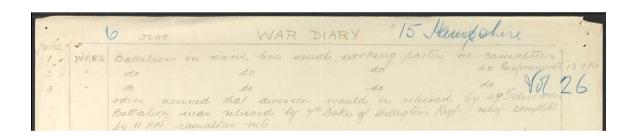
10911 15th Battalion Hampshire Regiment



Albert, known as Bert, was born to Rosina Winter in 1883. By the time of the 1901 census he was 18 and was lodging at Frost Hill employed as a farm carter. In 1911 he was boarding in Oakley and employed as a wagoner. He joined up in 1915 and served with the 15th (Service) Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment, serving in the Balkans. He was wounded and was recovering at Fawley, near Southampton where he met and married Anne Clarke on 8th September 1916. She was a widow with two children and they came to live in Batten's Avenue, Overton. Their son, also called Albert, was born on 11th September 1917.

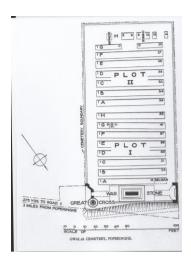
Albert returned to duty and died on 1st June, 1918.

15th Battalion Hampshire Regiment was providing working parties on the Vlamertinuhe defences from 19th to 21st May 1918. There was gas shelling of rear positions during the period 26th to 31st May. On 1st June his unit was in the reserve line at Ypres with no casualties recorded. This is puzzling as Albert died on 1st June and his medal record card states 'Killed in Action'. Perhaps he died of wounds sustained earlier, or was gassed.



He was buried at Gwalia Cemetery, Poperinge, West Vlaanderen, Belgium, grave reference I E 37





He was awarded the Victory, British and 1915 Star medals.

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