



WWI Casualty

Private Edward Robert Hawkins, Aldbourne

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Hawkins	Edward Robert	Private	19855	8th Battalion Devonshire Regiment		1916	20-Jul		
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1896		Aldbourn	Hawkins	Henry	Deacon	Emma	1899	29-Jan	St. Michael, Aldbourne
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth		Relationship to Head	
Upper Upham, Aldbourne									
1901	Hawkins	Henry	Married	40	Shepherd on farm	Aldbourn		Head	
	Hawkins	Emma	Married	32		Aldbourn		Wife	

	Hawkins	George H.		11	Ploughboy on Farm	Aldbourne	Son
	Hawkins	Frederick T.		9		Aldbourne	Son
	Hawkins	Sarah L.		7		Aldbourne	Daughter
	Hawkins	Rose E.		6		Southampton, Hampshire	Daughter
	Hawkins	Edward R.		5		Aldbourne	Son
	Hawkins	Emily		3		Aldbourne	Daughter
	Hawkins	Ernest		1		Aldbourne	Son

The Butts, Aldbourne

1911	Hawkins	Henry	Married	52	Shepherd on Farm	Aldbourne	Head
	Hawkins	Emma	Married	43		Aldbourne	Wife
	Hawkins	Tom	Unmarried	18	Under Carter on Farm	Aldbourne	Son
	Hawkins	Rose	Unmarried	16	General Servant Domestic	Cosham, Hampshire	Daughter
	Hawkins	Edward		14	Plough Boy on Farm	Aldbourne	Son
	Hawkins	Emily		12	At School	Aldbourne	Daughter
	Hawkins	Ernest		10	At School	Aldbourne	Son
	Hawkins	Elsie		4	At School	Aldbourne	Daughter
	Hawkins	Edith		2		Aldbourne	Daughter

Military Service Record

Enlistment Details

Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion	
			Years	Months	Days			
1914	01-Sep	Swindon	18	4		Shepherd	C of E	

Sent to Tidworth with the Wiltshire Regiment and discharged on the 17th September 1914 as not being likely to make an efficient soldier.

Edward Robert enlisted with Devonshire Regiment in the early part of the war and was posted abroad in 1915, arriving in Egypt on 16th October. He was then transferred to 8th Battalion, Devonshires, stationed in France in time to take part of the Battle of the Somme.

Although he was listed as "Missing" on the Casualty List issued by the War Office on 7th September 1919, his death was assumed to have occurred in July during the Battle of Bazentin Ridge. "His death was 'regarded' as being on 20th July 1916 during a night time assault on Bazentin Ridge, but again nobody really knows. He has no known grave. By a cruel twist of fate, his brother (Army No. 19283) Pte Frederick Thomas (Tom) Hawkins died just eight days later in Mesopotamia while serving with the 5th Wiltshire Regiment. To lose one son is tragic, but to lose two within a week of each other is unimaginable".

Physical Description

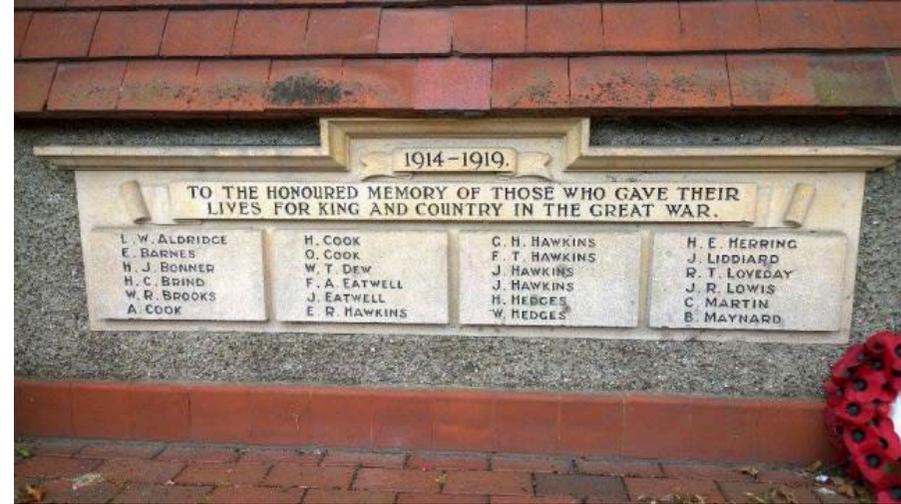
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks	
Feet	Inches					
5	3	Fresh	Grey/Blue	Light Brown		

Next of Kin										
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship	Abode						
Hawkins	Emma		Mother	West Street, Aldbourne later residing in Bishopstone near Swindon						
Details of Death										
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid					Recipient
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.	
1916	20-Jul		Somme							
The Dependant Pension Card names his mother, Emma Hawkins, resident in Bishopstone, as next of kin. It states that she was entitled to receive a dependants' separation allowance for Tom which precluded her receiving a further pension for Edward Robert.										
Grave Location										
Cemetery						Plot Number				
No known grave										
War Memorials and Commemorations										
Memorial Name and Location						Panel Number				
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France						Pier & Face 1C.				
Aldbourn Village War Memorial										
Roll of Honour plaque at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne										
Other Significant Information										
Robert Edward was entitled to the British and Victory Medals and the 1915 Star										

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Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France



Aldbourn Village Memorial

St. Michael Church Memorial Plaque →

