

Herbert John Holloway Corporal 25457, 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment

Herbert was born in Chapmanslade and his birth registered in the September Quarter of 1890 in the Warminster Registration District. He was the son of John and Martha Annie Holloway (Nee Humphries).

In 1891 the family were living at Corsley and were as follows:

John Holloway, Jnr., Head, 45, Shoemaker; Martha, Wife, 35, Laundress; Sidney, Son, 16, Agricultural Labourer; William, Son, 13, Agricultural Labourer; Elizabeth, Daughter, 12, Scholar; Charles, Son, 10, Scholar; Annie, Daughter, 7, Scholar; James, Son, 5, Scholar; Ada, Daughter, 4, Scholar, Born in Chapmanslade; Herbert, Son, Infant. All family members were recorded as having been born in Wiltshire apart from Ada.

The 1901 Census record the family as follows living at South Croft, Chapmanslade:

John Holloway, Head, 55, Cowman on Farm; Martha, Wife, 46; James, Son, 15, Leather Glove Maker; Ada, Daughter, 13; Herbert, Son, 10, ; May, Daughter, 7, ; George, Son, 1. All are recorded as having been born in Chapmanslade.

In 1910 Herbert John became a member of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants at age 19 as a lampman affiliated to the Cardiff 3 branch. His record was updated in 1920 as having been killed in action.

According to the 1911 Census Herbert John Holloway was lodging with the Woodgate family at 3 Devon Place, Cardiff, Glamorganshire. He was employed as a lampman.

Herbert John enlisted into the army at Cardiff, Glamorganshire but the date of his attestation is not known at this time.

Herbert John was killed in action on the 2nd September 1917 aged 27. He is buried in the Coxyde Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium in plot number III. E. 3.



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The inscription on his Commonwealth War Grave headstone reads:

Never Shall Our Memory Fade Round the Spot Where Thou Art Laid. Mother

At the time of his death his parents were recorded as living at 9 Thomas Street, Walcot Bath.

Herbert is commemorated on the Traffic Department Section of the Great Western Railway Memorial at Cardiff Central Railway Station. Herbert is named in the Great War Book of the GWR held at the Steam Museum in Swindon where he recorded as having been a porter based at one of the Cardiff Railway Stations. There is a photograph of Herbert John at the GWR archives in Swindon in a GWR Magazine dated June 1918 on page 95. His death is also recorded in the December 1917 issue on page 241



The GWR Memorial Panels at Cardiff Central Station

Herbert is also named on the Roll of Honour plaque of Dilton Marsh, however his name does not appear on images of the war memorial there.

He is also named in the Corsley section of the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book held at Salisbury Cathedral.

His name appears on the Corsley & Chapmanslade War Memorial.

