



World War I Casualty Biographies

Private William George Litten

Private William George Litten, Service No: 11142. Date of death: 23 July 1915.

5th Bn., Wiltshire Regiment. Commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey, Panel 156 to 158



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William George Litten was born in East Lydford, in the Shepton Mallet District in the December Quarter of 1895. He was the son of Samuel and Margaret Litten.

In the 1891 census, the family were living at North Cadbury, Somerset. The father, Samuel Litten was a Farm labourer.

William's father, Samuel Litten, died in the September Quarter of 1900 aged 50, and registered in the Wells Registration District, Somerset. William would have been aged 4 or 5.

The 1901 Census shows the family at West Lydford, Somerset:

Mother and head, Margaret 50, Brothers Samuel, 20, Sarah, 15, John, 13, Margaret, 9, William, 5. .

In the 1911 Census, William George Litten, 15, was living at Donhead St. Andrew, with his brother John James 23, and his mother Margaret, 60, and is listed as brother to the head of household.

James was killed during the Gallipoli campaign. He would have been aged 19 in 1915.

He is commemorated at the Helles Memorial, Turkey, Panel 156 to 158, and on the War Memorial at Donhead St. Andrew.



The Helles Memorial, Turkey, where James Litten is commemorated.