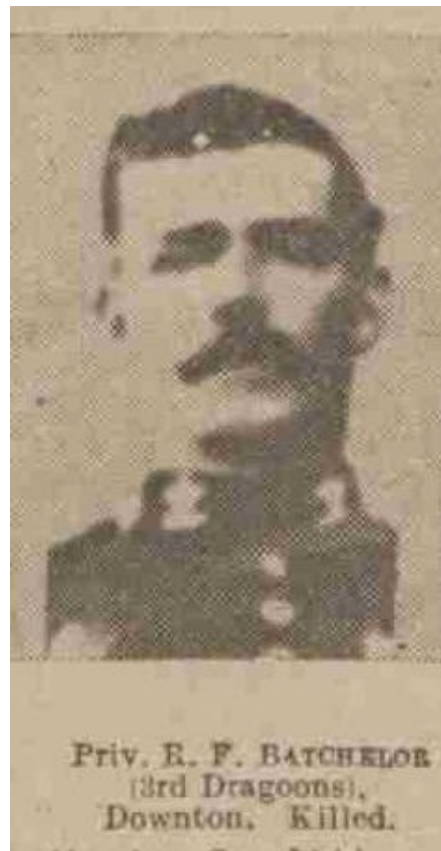




Downton
World War I Casualty Biographies

Private Reuben Francis Batchelor



Our Roll of Honour contains a portrait of R. F. Batchelor a brother of Mrs. W. Barrow who was killed in action on November 6th. He was in the 3rd Dragoon Guards.

Western Gazette, Wiltshire Edition, 12 March 1915

The 1881 census, at Downton, High Street, records the family as:-
George F. Batchelor, Head, Inn Keeper, 36, born Reigate, Sussex, Jane, wife, 28, born Southampton,
George, 4, Fanny, 3, Francis, 1, with 1 servant and a visitor also in the household.

The 1889 Kelly's Directory lists George Batchelor as publican at the Kings Arms Public House, Downton.

According to the 1891 Downton, High Street:, the family are recorded as:-
George F, Licensed Victualler, 47, born Sussex, wife Jane, 38, children George W. 14, Fanny B., 13,
Francis R. 11, Alfred, 9, born in Downton, Arthur J. 7, Ernest S., 6, Fred, 4, Albert, 2, Alice L. , 2 months,
with 1 servant, Annie Stansbridge, 18.

The death of George Francis Batchelor, age 46, is registered in Alderbury Registration District in the
September Quarter of 1891

Downton War Memorial lists three servicemen with the surname Batchelor who died in the Great War,
namely Ernest, Frederick and Reuben.

There seems to be no record of Reuben Francis in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Registers.



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