



## WWI Casualty

### Edgar Law Private 1076

| Surname             | Given Names | Rank           | Number  | Regiment  | Attachment  | Date of Death  |                      | Age at Death |       |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|---|-------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|-------|
|                     |             |                |         |   |             | Year           | Date                 |              |       |
| Law                 | Edgar Cecil | Private        | 1076    | 2nd Battalion,<br>Prince of Wales<br>Leinster Regiment<br>(Royal Canadians) |             | 1916           | 25-Aug               | 21?          |       |
| Date of Birth       |             | Place of Birth | Father  |   | Mother      |                | Baptised             |              |       |
| Year                | Date        |                | Surname | Given Names   | Maiden Name | Given Names    | Year                 | Date         | Place |
| 1895                | 09-Jun      | Hankerton      | Law     | Anthony   | Woodward    | Matilda        |                      |              |       |
| Census Information  |             |                |         |   |             |                |                      |              |       |
| Near Church, Minety |             |                |         |   |             |                |                      |              |       |
| Year                | Surname     | Given Names    | Status  | Age   | Occupation  | Place of Birth | Relationship to Head |              |       |

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|      |     |                   |           |    |           |                       |          |
|------|-----|-------------------|-----------|----|-----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1901 | Law | Anthony           | Married   | 43 | Groom     | Charlton (Malmesbury) | Head     |
|      | Law | Matilda           | Married   | 39 |           | Hankerton             | Wife     |
|      | Law | Mabel             | Unmarried | 19 | Laundress | Malmesbury            | Daughter |
|      | Law | William           | Unmarried | 18 | Groom     | Malmesbury            | Son      |
|      | Law | Percy             |           | 11 | Scholar   | Malmesbury            | Son      |
|      | Law | Frederick (Edgar) |           | 6  |           | Malmesbury            | Son      |
|      | Law | Cecil             |           | 6  |           | Malmesbury            | Son      |
|      | Law | Lily              |           | 3  |           | Rodbourne             | Daughter |

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|      |     |             |         |    |                  |                       |          |
|------|-----|-------------|---------|----|------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1911 | Law | Anthony     | Married | 59 | Groom (Domestic) | Charlton (Malmesbury) | Head     |
|      | Law | Matilda     | Married | 48 |                  | Hankerton             | Wife     |
|      | Law | Fred        |         | 17 | Labourer on Farm | Malmesbury            | Son      |
|      | Law | Jed (Edgar) |         | 15 | Labourer on Farm | Malmesbury            | Son      |
|      | Law | Cecil       |         | 15 | Labourer on Farm | Malmesbury            | Son      |
|      | Law | Lily        |         | 12 | At school        | Rodbourne             | Daughter |

**Military Service Record**

**Enlistment Details**

| Year | Date | Place   | Age   |        |      | Trade | Religion |  |
|------|------|---------|-------|--------|------|-------|----------|--|
|      |      |         | Years | Months | Days |       |          |  |
|      |      | Swindon |       |        |      |       |          |  |

**Physical Description**

| Height |        | Complexion | Eye Colour | Hair Colour | Distinguishing Marks |  |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| Feet   | Inches |            |            |             |                      |  |
|        |        |            |            |             |                      |  |

Formerly served as Private 13190, Wiltshire Regiment

Edgars' regiment went to France quite early in the war and it is possible that he was one of those who played football with the Germans during the truce of Christmas day!

Edgar took part in the Battle of the Somme, and is thought that he died at the Battle of Deville Wood. The commander General Douglas Haig intended to capture the German 2nd position between Deville Wood and Bazentin le Petit. The attack was successful but costly. Both attack and counter attack went on for 7 weeks. It was the 3rd general attack in the battle of the Somme.

|   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Edgar was awarded the British, Victory & 1915 Star Medals                                     |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
|   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Next of Kin</b>  |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Surname</b>  | <b>Given Names</b> | <b>Status</b>         | <b>Relationship</b>   | <b>Abode</b>                       |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| Read  | Mabel              | Married               | Sister                | Sawyers Mill, Minety (1911 Census) |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
|   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Details of Death</b>   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Date of Death</b>  |                    | <b>Cause of Death</b> | <b>Theatre of War</b> | <b>Ships Name</b>                  | <b>War Gratuity Paid</b> |             |                     |           |           | <b>Recipient</b>    |
| <b>Year</b>   | <b>Date</b>        |                       |                       |                                    | <b>Year</b>              | <b>Date</b> | <b>£</b>            | <b>s.</b> | <b>d.</b> |                     |
| 1916  | 25-Aug             |                       | France and Flanders   |                                    | 1919                     | 17-Dec      | 9                   | 0         | 0         | Mabel Read (Sister) |
|   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Grave Location</b>   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Cemetery</b>   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             | <b>Plot Number</b>  |           |           |                     |
| No Known Grave  |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
|   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>War Memorials and Commemorations</b>   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Memorial Name and Location</b>   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             | <b>Panel Number</b> |           |           |                     |
| Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France  |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             | Panel 16c           |           |           |                     |
| Hankerton Church Roll of Honour Plaque  |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
|   |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Other Significant Information</b>  |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| Edgar had a twin brother, Cecil Edgar who also served during WWI joining on 8th December 1915 |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |
| Father, Anthony died in 1915 and Mather, Matilda in 1916                                      |                    |                       |                       |                                    |                          |             |                     |           |           |                     |

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| 451330 | Law, Edgar Cecil | 2nd Bn. 25.8.16. Cont | 6 4 5 | 1 16 5 | m. 0. 10/17 | 20.10.17 | Lieut. Mabel A. Read | 1 16 5 |
|        |                  | Leinster Co           | 7.11. | - 18 2 | " "         | " "      | Mrs. Mabel A. Read   | - 18 2 |
|        |                  | Rept. Cecil           |       | - 18 2 | " "         | " "      | Lily                 | - 18 2 |
|        |                  | Pte                   |       | 18 3   | 1/10 2/18   | 21.1.18  | Mrs. William         | - 18 3 |
|        |                  | 1076. dead.           |       | 18 2   | " "         | " "      | Lieut. Mabel A. Read | - 18 3 |
|        |                  |                       |       | 18 3   | m. 0.3.18   | 14.3.18  | Mrs. Percy           | - 18 3 |
|        |                  |                       |       |        |             | 17.12.19 | Lieut. Mabel Read.   | 9      |
|        |                  |                       |       |        |             |          |                      | 470    |

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