



## **Arthur Edward Bevins** **Lance Corporal 201107 1st/4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment**

Arthur Edward Bevins was born in Ingersby, Leicestershire in 1883, the son of Thomas Northover Bevins and Jane Bevins (nee Long). His birth was registered in the December Quarter of 1883 in the Billesdon Registration District.

Both of his parents were from farming families. Thomas Northover Bevins was only 23 years old, when he was farming 200 acres in Leicestershire, employing 3 men. Jane Bevins, (nee Long), was the eldest of five daughters, the youngest being born after their father's death at age just 29. Edward's grandmother (also Jane Long) continued to run Mutton Marsh Farm in Southwick, North Bradley with her unmarried older brother, John, for some years.

The 1891 Census records Arthur and his mother as visiting relatives at Broadleigh, Woodmarsh, North Bradley. John Long is recorded as a single male aged 69. He was a retired farmer. Jane Bevins aged 47 and Arthur Edward Bevins aged 7 are recorded as visitors. John Long was Jane Bevins brother and both were born in Wiltshire. Arthur is recorded as a scholar born in Leicestershire.

The 1901 census finds the family resident at Holdenhurst Cottage, Ashley Hill, Bristol: Thomas Bevins, head, married, aged 40, born in Wellsborough, Leicestershire, a domestic gardener. Jane Bevins, wife, aged 48, born in Trowbridge. Arthur Bevins, unmarried son, aged 18, born in Leicestershire, working as a domestic gardener.

The death of Jane Bevins (mother to Arthur) was recorded in the Westbury Registration District in the March Quarter of 1903

In 1911 Arthur Edward Bevis (Mistranscribed as Berriers) is living at 11 Orchard Street, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset as a boarder with Caroline Heyward, a widow of 70. He is recorded as being a grocers assistant.

Thomas Northover Bevins died in the December Quarter of 1913, his death registered in the Westbury Registration District

Arthur Edward enlisted into the army at Trowbridge. He was resident at North Bradley at the time of enlistment.

Arthur Bevins was killed in action on 13th November 1917, aged 34. He

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has no known grave and is commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial and named on Panel 42. The Memorial is situated in the Jerusalem War Cemetery on Churchill Boulevard, north of the city.



He is also named on the North Bradley Memorials in St. Nicholas Church and the Baptist Chapel. Arthur is also named in the North Bradley Section of the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book held in Salisbury Cathedral

An Announcement relating the death of Arthur was placed in the local newspaper under family notices. It read:-

November 13, Killed in action in Palestine, Lance-Corporal Arthur E. Bevins, Wilts Regiment, only son of the late Mr. T. N. Bevins, of Broadleigh House, North Bradley, aged 34. Beloved by all, and most sorrowfully lamented.

**Wiltshire Times and Trowbridge Advertiser, 8 December 1917**

The effects of Arthur Edward Bevins and his remunerations were awarded to his sister Lillian in 1919.

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