

Roll of Honour

Connected to Upton Lovell



Lest we Forget

World War I



11757 DRIVER

W. LEVER

ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY

30th JUNE, 1918

His Warfare O'er

From Earthly Strife. He's Gone

To Hear His Lord's Sweet Voice.

Well Done

William LEVER

William Lever was born at Upton Lovell around 1890 to parents George & Eliza Lever (nee Snook). William's parents had married at Wilton Registrar Office, Wiltshire in 1880.

The 1891 Census records William Lever as a 1 year old, living with his family in a 3 roomed dwelling at Scout Lane, Upton Lovell, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as George Lever (Agricultural Labourer, aged 34, born road Chalke) & Eliza Lever (aged 32, born Ebbesbourne Wake). William was the youngest of 5 children listed on this Census – Fredric G. (aged 11, born Ebbesbourne Wake), Georgine J. (aged 8, born Salisbury), Frank (aged 6, born Bishopstone), Flora (aged 3, born Sherrington) then William.

The 1901 Census records William as an 11 year old, living with his family in a 4 roomed dwelling in village of Stratford Sub-Castle, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as George Lever (Carter on Farm, aged 44) & Eliza Lever (aged 42). William was the second eldest of the 7 children listed in this Census - Flora (aged 13, born Sherrington) then William, Ida M. (aged 9, born Upton Lovell), Margaret D (aged 7, born Fisherton Delamere), Harold P. J. (aged 5, born Witherington), Hilda E. (aged 4, born Stratford Sub-Castle) and Cecil J. (aged 1, born Stratford Sub-Castle).

The 1911 Census records William as a 20 year old, Carter of a Farm, living with his family in a 6 roomed dwelling at Gomeldon, Winterbourne Gunner, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. His parents were listed as George Lever (Carter of a Farm, aged 56) & Eliza Lever (aged 51). According to the Census, William's parents had been married for 31 years & had a total of 14 children, 2 were deceased. William was the eldest of 5 children listed on this Census – William, Percy (aged 15), Cecil (aged 12), Olive (aged 9, born Stratford Sub-Castle) and Annie (aged 6, born Winterbourne Earls).

William Lever enlisted & was attached to Royal Horse Artillery. His service number was 11757.

Driver William Lever was killed in action on 30th June, 1918, aged 29 years.

William Lever's Medal Index Card (M.I.C.) show that he had the rank of Driver & that he had entered a Theatre of War – France on 10th February, 1915. The M.I.C. shows that Driver William Lever was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, British War & Victory Medals. Records show that at the time of his death he was attached to "Q" Bty. 16th Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery.

Driver William Lever was buried in Querrieu British Cemetery, France – Plot Number C. 30. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and as such he has a CWGC headstone. The CWGC lists Driver William Lever, aged 29, as the son of George & Eliza Lever, of Porton, Salisbury, Wilts.

Querrieu British Cemetery

The cemetery was opened at the end of March 1918 by the 3rd Australian Division and was used by some of the divisions which took part in the defence of Amiens against the German advance. It was closed in August 1918.

Querrieu British Cemetery contains 187 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and the grave of one Second World War airman. There are also 12 German burials.



Photo of Driver W. Lever's CWGC Headstone.



