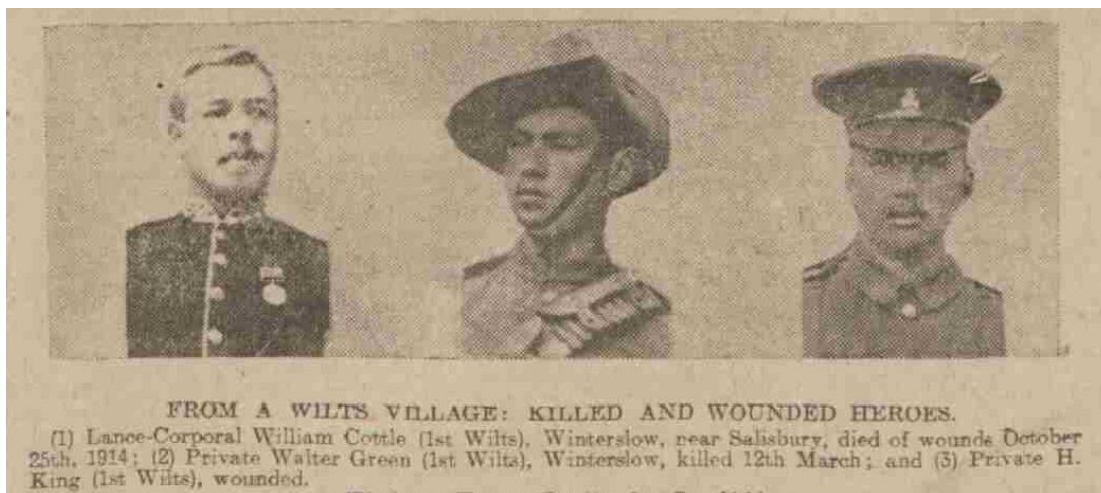




# *World War I Casualty Biography*

## **William George Cottle**

Lance-Corporal 5600 William Cottle, 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, Died of wounds 25th October 1914 aged 31.



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William Cottle was born in Oxford, Oxfordshire in 1883 the son of Thomas and Selina Cottle.

The 1891 census records the family living on the Bath Road, Melksham:- Thomas Cottle, 45, Labourer in a Flour Mill, born in Bradford-on-Avon; Selina Cottle his wife, 29, born in Oxford; William G. R., son, 8, born in Oxford; Annie M., daughter, 4; Amy E., daughter, 3; Mildred L., infant daughter, all born in Melksham.

There seems to be no record of William in the 1901 census although the family were recorded as living at Semington Lane Square, Melksham:- Thomas, head, 57, road labourer; Selina, wife, 40, born in Buckinghamshire; Caroline, daughter, 14; Amy, daughter, 13; Mildred, daughter, 10; Florance, daughter, 8; Percival, son, 6; Thomas, infant son, all born in Melksham.

The 1911 census records William Cottle as head of the family, age 28, working as a horseman on a farm and resident with his family at New Manor Farm Cottages, Winterslow. The family comprised of Sarah, wife, 29, born in Winterslow; George, son, 2 and Sidney, infant son, both born in Winterslow.

At the time of his death in 1914 William was recorded as being resident of The Causeway, Winterslow, the husband of Sarah Ann Cottle.

William is buried in Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France; Grave reference I. B. 18.

His Commonwealth War Grave headstone has the words "Love and Remembrance Liveth For Ever" carved into the stone.



Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

William is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour Plaque found in All Saints Church Winterslow and is also named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book 1914-1918 found in Salisbury Cathedral.



The Roll of Honour Plaque inside All Saints Church, Winterslow