

Albert Allen

Private, Royal West Kent Regiment. Enlisted at London, September 14th, 1914. Served in France, and was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme, August, 1916. Awarded the 1914-15 Star and General Service Medal.



ALBERT ALLEN WAS born in 1894, one of twelve children of James and Emma Allen. His birth was registered in Chippenham and in 1901 he was living with his large family in Park Lane, Langley Burrell. His father's occupation is recorded as a boot rounder. In 1911 the family were living at Cedar Villa, Priory Street, Corsham, and Albert, now aged 17, was working as a labourer at the India rubber works.

Albert enlisted for the war when he was 20 years and 192 days old, while he was working as a footman in Tonbridge in Kent. He joined the Royal West Kent Regiment. He was sent to France in 1915 and served there until 22nd July 1916, when he was reported as missing and presumed dead. He is commemorated at the Thiepval Memorial.