

Albert John Uzzell



Private, 7th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Enlisted at Chippenham. On active service for one year in Salonika. Killed in action at Salonika, April 24th, 1917. Place of burial, Eavine des Jumeaux Military Cemetery, Salonika. General Service and Victory Medals.



ALBERT WAS BORN IN 1879 in Westonbirt in Gloucestershire. His parents were John and Elizabeth Uzzell, and John was described as a farm servant. Albert was the youngest of at least eight children – his eldest brother George was more than 20 years older than Albert. He also had brothers William, Mark and Charles and sisters Jane, Annie and Minnie. In 1881 when Albert was two, his three elder brothers were already working, all recorded as being servants. Albert went to school in Westonbirt, where the

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family were still living in 1891, but by 1901 he had made the career choice, following family tradition, to go into domestic service and at the time of the census was well away from Gloucestershire, working as a butler to Florence Hastings and Olivia Chetwynd in St Marylebone in London.

Florence Hastings was the Dowager Marchioness of Hastings. She was the wife of Sir George Chetwynd and Olivia was their youngest child. They also employed a servant and hall boy in what would have been their London apartment. The servant was Mary Elizabeth Williams, and Albert and Mary were married in Uxbridge at Christmas 1901. By 1911 Albert and Mary were living in Corsham at 2 Westwells. Albert is listed as a domestic butler but there is no reference to his employer. The 1911 census also shows that they had two children, neither of whom survived infancy.

War Records of Corsham records that Albert enlisted in the Wiltshire Regiment in 1916, aged 37, and was killed in action a year later on 24th April 1917 in Salonika, where he is buried.

He is also commemorated in Westonbirt churchyard.