

Edward Hatter

Private, Leinster Regiment. Joined the Forces September 7th 1914. Served in France. Killed in action June, 1917. 1914-15 Star and British War Medal.



EDWIN HATTER, KNOWN and recorded as Edward during his military life, was born in 1889 in Corsham, the youngest child of William and Lucy Hatter (née Knight, from Sutton Bengier). At the time of his birth they were living in Priory Road (later Priory Street). William was recorded as being a labourer. Edwin had two elder sisters, Catherine and Flora, and two elder brothers, Frank and Alfred. In 1901, still living on Priory Road, William was working as a stone quarryman and Edwin and Alfred were still at school. Their mother Lucy died in 1907, and by 1911 Edwin was working as a domestic under-gardener, still living with his father and his sister Catherine in Priory Street. At that time William was a road labourer for the Rural District Council.

War Records of Corsham, which lists him as Edward, records that he served initially with the Wiltshire Regiment and then at some point with the 2nd Leinster Regiment. He was killed in action in Belgium on 16th June 1917 and is buried in the Hooge Crater Cemetery in Belgium.

His brothers Frank and Alfred also served during World War I, and Frank was also killed in action in August 1916.