

George Cooper Ray

Private, 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Enlisted at Chippenham, September 6th, 1914. Transferred to 1st Battalion for service in France. Killed in action August 30th, 1915. Mons Star, General Service Medal, Victory Medal.



LITTLE IS KNOWN OF George Ray or of his link to Corsham. He was born in London in 1891 and lived in Marylebone with his mother Elizabeth and brother Robert. They had moved to Aldingbourne in West Sussex in 1901 and by 1911 had moved again to Hatfield in Hertfordshire. George cannot be traced in the 1911 census and it seems that his mother died later that year.

The only military records for George Ray confirm his enlistment in the Wiltshire Regiment and his death on 30th August 1915, when he was a Lance Corporal attached to the 1st Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's Regiment. His registered address was Hatfield. His brother Robert also served during World War I in the Bedfordshire Regiment – he survived the war.

George is remembered at the La Brique Military Cemetery in Belgium.