

## *George Frank Merrett*

Private, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.). Enlisted at Chippenham, March 18th, 1916. Served in Belgium and France: Rouen, the Somme. Discharged on account of ill-health, July, 1918. Died at home. Buried at Corsham. General Service and Victory Medals.



**G**EORGE WAS A Gastard man born in 1890 to George and Ellen (née Shepherd). In 1891 George senior was recorded as being a general labourer living with his wife Ellen and children Annie, Ellen and George. In the 1901 census the family were still in Gastard, his father was now



*George Merrett's gravestone in  
Ladbrook Lane Cemetery, Corsham.*

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a freestone quarryman but George, aged ten, was the only child still living at home.

In 1908, aged only 18, George married Eva Ellen Webb and by 1911 they had a daughter Nellie and were living as a family in Gastard. They had another three daughters – Winifred, Elsie and Lillian – before George enlisted in the Army in Chippenham in 1916. His Attestation Papers show that he was now living at 2 Bradford Road, Corsham and was a learner driver with a rubber company

He was a Private in the Army Service Corps during the war and *War Records of Corsham* shows that he served in Belgium and France including the Somme and was discharged because of ill health in July 1918. He died in Corsham on 6th November 1918 and is buried in Ladbrook Cemetery. His daughter Lillian died in 1921 aged only seven, and she is buried in the same grave.