

Sidney Victor Hillier

Rifleman, King's Own Royal Rifles. Enlisted at Bath, April, 1917. Served in France. Killed in action on Easter Sunday, 1918, which was his first day in the front line, after being in France a fortnight. General Service and Victory Medals.



SIDNEY HILLIER was born in 1899 in Hunstrete, between Bath and Bristol, in Somerset. His parents, Sidney and Ellen (née Philimore), were originally from Devizes in Wiltshire, and Sidney was a domestic gardener. They also had a daughter, Alice Mabel, and in 1911 they were all living together in Pickwick in Corsham.

Sidney enlisted for the Army in Bath in 1917, when he was 18, and was initially in the 1st Battalion Dorset Regiment. He was transferred into the Kings Own Rifle Company as a rifleman when shipped to France in March 1918. Tragically he was killed in action on his first day on the front line, which was Easter Sunday, 31st March 1918. Sidney is buried in the Mesnil Communal Cemetery in Picardie.

His parents were living in Hanover Terrace in Bath at the time of Sidney's death.