

## *William Augustus Marks*

Lance-Corporal, 2nd Battalion Gloucester Regiment. Served in France and Mesopotamia. Wounded January, 1915. Killed on patrol at Kut, April 16th, 1916. Awarded 1915 Star, General Service and Victory Medals.



WILLIAM MARKS WAS born in Corsham in 1888. His parents were Alfred Marks, a plumber, and Bertha Emily Mallard. William was one of seven children: he had five brothers – Alfred, Edward, Frederick, Ernest and Victor – and one sister Elizabeth, all born between 1881 and 1890. In 1891 they were living in Hastings Road in Corsham but double tragedy struck the family very soon after the census, with the untimely deaths of their mother Bertha in 1891 and their father Alfred in 1892. The young family was split up, and in 1901 William and his brother Victor were boarders in a house in North Wraxall. William joined the Army as a career decision and in 1911 he was stationed in Malta as part of the 2nd Battalion of the Gloucester Regiment.

*War Records of Corsham* details that William served in France and Mesopotamia and had achieved the rank of Lance Corporal before he was killed on patrol in Kut. It gives the date of his death as 16th April 1916 but his service records suggest that it should be 21st April 1916. He is remembered at the Basra Memorial in Iraq.