

William Webb

Sig.-Lance-Corporal, 168th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. Joined at Woodstock, February, 1916. Served in France. Killed in action, July, 1917. Buried in the Canadian Cemetery. General Service and Victory Medals.



WILLIAM WEBB WAS born in December 1894 in Corsham. His parents were Isaac and Eliza (née Barnett) and he had two elder sisters, Amelia and Bertha, and two brothers, Albert and John. His father Isaac was a freestone quarryman. In 1901 the family were living in Elley Green in Neston. William, aged six, was at school and his brother Albert, aged 18, was working as a blacksmith's striker.

William is next found in Canada in February 1916, aged 21, when he signed Attestation Papers to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force. His papers confirm his next of kin as his mother Eliza and the family home as Elley Green, Neston. He was a carpenter.

War Records of Corsham records that William achieved the rank of Lance Corporal and was killed in action in France in July 1917. This is confirmed by the Commonwealth War Graves record, which shows that he was in the 18th Battalion Canadian Infantry and died on 9th July 1917. He is buried in the Aix-Noulette Communal Cemetery in Pas-de-Calais.