

Arthur Lewis Christian



Private, 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Enlisted at Devizes, June, 1917. Served in France. Made prisoner of war, April 12th, 1918. Died while a prisoner, October 14th, 1918. Buried in South Cemetery, Cologne. General Service and Victory Medals.



ARTHUR LEWIS CHRISTIAN was born in Whitechurch in Shropshire in 1899. His parents were Alfred and Olive (née Brookshaw). Alfred Christian was living and working in Corsham in 1901, when he was a domestic coachman at Corsham Court – his address was Court Stables. At that time Arthur, his brother Frederick and his mother Olive were all living in Betley in Shropshire with Olive's parents.

Arthur seems to have been at school in London in 1905 – the Central National School in St Marylebone – although

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there is no obvious reference to his parents living there then. However, Alfred was born and grew up in St Marylebone and it seems that he died in London in 1912, when Arthur would have been 13 years old.

Arthur gave Corsham as his place of residence when he enlisted for the Army in 1917, and he was a Private in the Wiltshire Regiment.

War Records of Corsham suggests that Arthur was made a prisoner of war in April 1918 and then died while a prisoner. This is confirmed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which records that Arthur is buried in the Cologne Southern Cemetery having died on 14th October 1918, aged 19. His service record details that he died in a military hospital.

The record with the grave entry shows that Arthur's mother Olive was then living at Avenue Lodge, Corsham.