

David Wootten

Private, Wiltshire Regiment. Enlisted at Cardiff, May, 1918. Served in France. Died while on active service, November 4th, 1919. General Service and Victory Medals.



DAVID WOOTTEN was born in Corsham in 1894. His parents were David and Christian Wootten, who lived in Pickwick; his father was a stone quarryman. His mother's maiden name was also Wootten. David and Christian were married in 1871 and had twelve children in total, although five died in infancy. In 1901, when David was six, he was living at home in Pickwick with his parents and elder brothers John,



David Wootten's gravestone in France.

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Frederick and Albert. His brother John was already in the military – he was part of the 3rd Wiltshire Militia which was a predecessor unit of the Wiltshire Regiment.

It is known that David moved to Wales, and he was certainly in Pontypridd in Glamorgan when he married Sarah Phelps in 1915. They had three children, David, Christian and Jack, before David enlisted for the Army in May 1918 in Cardiff.

War Records of Corsham states that he served in France as a Private in the Wiltshire Regiment. His service record shows that he was killed in action on 4th November 1918, almost at the end of the war. He is buried at the Cross Roads Cemetery, Fontaine-au-Bois, Nord, France.

David's brothers Frederick and John also served in World War I and survived. *War Records of Corsham* details that John was taken as a prisoner of war in October 1914. His parents continued to live in Pickwick after the war.