Frederick Hancock

Private, 8th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry. Enlisted Trowbridge Yeomanry, 1918. Served in France. Killed in action, September, 1918. General Service and Victory Medals.

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FRED HANCOCK WAS born in 1900 to William and Ellen Hancock, who were living in Corshamside (Neston). William was a freestone quarryman.

In 1911 they were still living in Neston with a large family including Fred's sisters Maud, Daisy, Lily, Florrie and May and brother Wallie. William and Ellen had twelve children in all but five had died before 1911. Frederick was ten years old and still at school in 1911.

Frederick would have been only just 18 when he enlisted in Trowbridge in 1918 and joined the Wiltshire Yeomanry and then the Somerset Light Infantry. He was killed in action on 8th September 1918.

He is buried in Hermies Hill British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.