

Harry West

Private, Wiltshire Regiment. Enlisted at Devizes in 1914. Killed on battlefield, France, June, 1915 [*sic*]. Awarded 1915 Star, General Service and Victory Medals.



HARRY WAS BORN IN 1882 in Corshamside (Neston) to parents David and Ellen (née Coulimore). David was a quarryman. Harry was one of six children – his sisters were called Ada and Selina and his brothers William, John and Fred. In 1891 the family were still living in Corshamside, but by 1901 they were in Moor Green and Harry was a freestone quarryman like his father. At the age of 27 Harry was still single, living with his parents in Moor Green and working underground as a quarryman.

There is some confusion between his medal record card, military records and *War Records of Corsham*, but it is believed that Harry (or Henry as he is referred to in *War Records of Corsham* and the Commonwealth War Graves record) enlisted in Devizes in 1914 and served in the Wiltshire Regiment in Mesopotamia. He was involved in the Battle of Sannaiyat during the attempt to relieve Kut, where he died on 9th April 1916. He is commemorated on the Basra Memorial in Iraq.