

Percy William Badminton

Private, Northumberland Hussars. Enlisted August, 1914. Royal Wilts Yeomanry. Served in France with the Hussars. Killed in action, September 11th, 1918, and reported buried at Vaulx Churchyard, N.E. Bapaume. Awarded 1914-15 Star and General Service Medal.



PERCY WAS BORN IN Corsham in 1880 to Henry and Sarah Badminton. He was part of a family of eight children, three of whom died very young. He had an elder brother named Reginald and younger brothers Fred and Arthur. Their father Henry was a long-established painter



Percy Badminton with his wife Maria and their son Cyril.

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and decorator who lived in Priory Road (now Priory Street) and then in The White Lion in Pickwick Road.

By the time of the 1901 census Percy had moved away from Corsham and was working as a groom at Compton Bassett House in the village of Compton Bassett, near Calne. By 1911 he had returned to the Corsham area and was living and working in the stables at Lackham, still as a groom.

In 1913 Percy married Alice Maria Short from Chippenham and they had a son, Cyril. They were recorded as living in the Flemish Cottages in Corsham. Percy enlisted in August 1914, and his medal record shows that he was shipped to France in December 1915 with the Northumberland Hussars, having transferred from the Wiltshire Yeomanry. He was killed in action on 11th September 1918.

There are also service records for his brother Fred Badminton, who returned from his war service.