

Stanley Hezekiah Hancock



Private, 6th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry. Enlisted February 13th, 1917 (aged 18). Served in France and Flanders from January 6th, 1918. Killed in action at St. Quentin, March 21st, 1918. General Service and Victory Medals.



STANLEY WAS BORN IN 1899 to Hezekiah and Laura Hancock, who at that time were living in Knowle in Bristol. Hezekiah was a stone mason who was born in Bradford on Avon and his wife Laura (née Newman) was born in Box.

By 1911, Stanley, aged 12, was living in Spring Field Cottages in Priory Street with his parents and four brothers,

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Norman, Frederick, William and Reggie, and two sisters Edith and Ivy. Ivy was born in Corsham. Stanley was one of nine children – the two oldest, John and Mabel, had already left home by 1911.

The large Hancock family lived next door to Mr and Mrs Gunstone in 1911 – William Henry Gunstone was another casualty of the war whose name appears on the Corsham War Memorial.

Stanley's service records show that he enlisted for the Army in February 1917 when he would have been just 18. He was in the Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry (6th Battalion) and was killed in action a year later on 21st March 1918.

He has a military grave in the Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery in Picardie in France.

Stanley's photo was kindly shared by his family, who still live in Corsham.