

Walter John Bond

Private, Wiltshire Regiment. Enlisted at Devizes, and served with the 3rd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment in France. Killed in action, December 1915. British War Medal.



WALTER JOHN BOND was born in 1888 in the village of Westport St Mary in Wiltshire. (Westport is now part of Malmesbury.) His father Frank was a general labourer and his mother was Sarah Ann Carter. Walter was one of eight children – he had brothers Frank, John and Charles and sisters Kate, Mary, Emma and Nellie. They continued to live in the Malmesbury area, and in 1911, aged 21, Walter was still living with his mother and now worked for the Urban District Council – as did his brother John.

Walter married Susanna Caroline Pearce in 1913 and it seems that they took up residence in Corsham – they had a daughter Phyllis who died as a baby in 1914 and a second daughter, Iris, born in 1915.

Walter enlisted for the Army in Devizes and joined the Wiltshire Regiment. He was certainly in France in September 1915 – probably about the time that his daughter was born. His service medal cards detail that he died from wounds received in action on 10th December 1915. Walter is buried at the Chocques Military Cemetery in Pas-de-Calais in France.

His widow Susanna married Thomas Swainston in Coventry in 1918.