



Private 240733 Albert Charles Worth

Mortor Mason of Spare Hill House, St. Tudy

1/5th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Born 24th September 1895

Killed in Action 17th April 1918, aged 23

Albert was born in St. Tudy, and he was the third son of William Henry and Mary Worth (nee Brock). Both William and Mary were born in St. Tudy.

He had ten older sisters and two brothers, they were all born in Spare Hill House, the birthplace of his Great Great Grandfather, Robert Worth, and his Grandparents, John and Elizabeth (nee Sloggett).

Albert started at St. Tudy School on the 10th of October 1898 and attended until approximately 1912, when he joined the family building business as a mortar mason.

He enlisted in Bodmin in November 1915 with his eldest brother William, and they both joined the 1/5th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. The middle brother, Alfred Sloggett Worth enlisted in Bodmin at the same time, but joined the Royal Engineers at Chatham, serving in the Pioneer Battalion in the Liverpool Regiment.

Their Cousin, Cyril George Hicks Worth, also enlisted in Bodmin, but in April 1917. He enlisted in the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 4th Battalion.

In May Albert and William were posted to Leventie in France, and in October were sent to the Somme, fighting in various engagements until May 1917. In June and July they served at Arras, then Ypres in August where the Germans made a heavy attack on the British lines, but were eventually repulsed.

The Battalion was sent to Cambrai and back to the Ypres Salient. They took part in the action from La Bassée to Ypres which commenced on the 11th of April 1918.

There was very heavy engagement west of Armentière at Merville, following which Albert was reported missing, presumed killed.

The next day, his Cousin Cyril, was also killed a few miles away.

Albert's brother, William, went on to fight at Estaire until the Armistice, returning to Spare Hill House, St. Tudy, where he died in 1974, just short of his 90th birthday.

Alfred was wounded at St. Quentin, and died in St.Tudy in 1938.

Albert is remembered with honour at Loos Memorial.