

ASHBURY WW1 RECORDS (updated August 2014)

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William Charles Bunce	Ashbury Berks	Kensal Rise	London Regiment Royal Fusiliers 3 rd Battalion Territorial Force Reg No: 1690	Harrow	N/A	N/A	Received a WW1 Pension	
George Cady	Ashbury Berks	Ashdown Park Berks	Grenadier Guards 3 rd Battalion. Rank: Guardsman/Private 23598 Formerly ASC (TF) Victory Medal, British Medal	Whitby	24 June 1917 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Died of Wounds	Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium	N/A	1891
Sidney Cannons	Ashbury Berks	Swindon	Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment. 1 st Battalion Rank: Sergeant 5828 Victory Medal, British Medal	Devizes Wilts	8 August 1917 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Died of Wounds	Mendinghem Military Cemetery Belgium	N/A	1841 - 1911
Henry Thomas Chivers	Ashbury Berks in War Records, but Knighton Berks in 2011 Census	Broad Town Wilts	Naval Record Found: Served on the Vessel "Erebus" Rank: Leading Seaman 203246 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star		N/A	N/A	Survived	
James Alexander Coghill	Ashbury Berks	Paddington	Attestation Papers state: 3 years Short Service. Middlesex Regiment Grenadier Guards Rank: Private 392. Royal Dublin Fusiliers Private 43964	Marylebone	N/A	N/A	Received a WW1 Pension	1901, 1911

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Charles Randolph Coventry	Ashbury Berks	Ashbury	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 7 th Battalion Rank: W.O. Class 2 7885 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	London	24 August 1916 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Quarry Cemetery Bernafay Wood British Cemetery. Montauban, France	N/A	1841-1881 & 1911
Thomas George Daniels	Ashbury Shrevenham Berks	Ashbury	Royal Berkshire Regiment 7 th Battalion Rank: Sergeant 14311 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Reading	N/A	N/A	Transfer to the Reserves Document found dated 15 May 1919	
* Thomas Disbury	Ashbury Wilts	Ashbury	Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 2/4 Battalion Rank: Private 14310 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Swindon Wilts	2 September 1918 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Comines-Warneton Hainaut, Belgium	N/A	1871 - 1911
* Ernest William Ebbsworth	Ashbury Berks	Shrevenham Berks	Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 8 th Battalion Rank: Private 16155 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Reading	25 September 1915 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Dept du Pas-de-Calais, Nord, France	N/A	1871 - 1911
James Ebbsworth	Ashbury Berks	Shrevenham Berks	Labour Corps Rank: Private 291483 Formerly: 115511 R.E. Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	London	1 July 1918 Died at home	Shrevenham, England	N/A	1871 - 1911

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* Brian Harold Frearson	Ashbury Berks	Kensington Middlesex	Corps of Royal Engineers Rank: Pioneer 257853 R.E. Base Signal Depot B.E.F. Victory Medal, British Medal	Fenny, Stratford Bucks	4 February 1918 Died at Home (Redlands War Hospital Reading)	England	N/A	1891 - 1911
* Ernest William Hare		Idstone Shrivenham	Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force (Attestation papers found) Canadian Infantry Force Rank: Private 419119	Canada	28 October 1917 Age 23	Tyne Cot Cemetery Belgium	N/A	1901, 1911
* John Johnson	Bishopstone Wilts	Swindon Wilts	Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment. 5 th Battalion Rank: Private 3/210 Victory Medal, British Medal,	Devizes Wilts	27 September 1915 Gallipoli Balkan Theatre Died	Pieta Military Cemetery Malta	N/A	1841 - 1911
* Charles Frank Lawford	Ashbury nr Shrivenham Berks	Ashbury Shrivenham	Royal Garrison Artillery No 1 Company Rank: Gunner 91262 British Medal	Reading Berks	18 February 1919 Aged 33	Ste. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre	N/A	1841 - 1911
Raymond Lawrence	Ashbury Berks	Aldershot	Army Service Corps (M.L) Reg. No: 57206 NB. In the 2011 Census he was a Corporal in the 12th Company Army Service		N/A	N/A	Received a WW1 Pension	
Frank Lowe		Ashbury	Royal Berkshire Regiment Rank: Private 13058		N/A	N/A	Discharged 1916 due to sickness Received a WW1 Pension	

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* John Sidney Manners	Ashbury Berks	Westrop Berks	Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 8 th Battalion Rank: Private 16151 Victory Medal, British Medal,	Reading Berks	13 October 1915 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Dept du Pas-de-Calais, Nord, France	N/A	1841 - 1911
* William Cornelius Nobes	Bishopstone Wilts	Shrivenham Berks	Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 7 th Battalion Rank: Private 17508 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Reading	30 May 1917 Salonika Balkan Theatre Died of Wounds	Salonika Anglo-French Military Cemetery Greece	N/A	1891, 1901, 1911
Hon Lawrence Charles Walter Palk	Exeter Devon	Shrivenham Berks from 7mth of age	Hampshire Regiment 1 st Battalion Rank: Lieutenant Colonel (T) Victory Medal, British Medal, DSO	Served previously in the Boer War	1 July 1916 Killed in Action Beaumont-Hamel, France Aged 45	Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps France	N/A	
* John Palmer	Lambourn Berks (Civil Parish of Ashbury)	Ashbury (Father was a gardener at Ashdown Park)	Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) 9 th Battalion Rank: Private 3492	Hounslow	18 October 1915 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Loos Memorial France	N/A	1841 - 1911
Cyril George Parradine	East Clayton Bucks	Shrivenham Berks	Duke of Cambridge' Own Middlesex Regiment 19 th Battalion Rank: Private G/46482 Formerly 44423 Hampshire R Victory Medal, British Medal	Reading Berks	22 August 1918 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Memorial in Vis-en-Artois France	N/A	

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* Herbert Jesse Pearce	Devizes Wilts	Shrivenham Berks	Royal Army Service Corps Rank: DVR T/31886 Victory Medal, British Medal,	Kingston on Thames	19 July 1916 Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Becourt Military Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt France	N/A	1841 - 1861
* Walter John Pearce	Berwick Bassett Wilts	Shrivenham Berks	Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment 5 th Battalion Rank: Private 10996	Swindon	5 April 1916 Mesopotamia Asiatic Theatre Killed in Action	Al Basra Memorial Iraq	N/A	1841 - 1861
Edgar Alfred Read	Ashbury Shrivenham Berks	Ashdown Berks	Attestation Papers indicate 3 years Short Service Machine Gun Corps (C) Service No: 21025 41766 also mentioned	Not found	N/A	N/A	Received a WW1 Pension	1901, 1911
William John Rouse	Ashbury Berks	Shrivenham Berks	Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment. 1/4 (T.F.) Battalion Rank: Private 19285 Victory Medal, British Medal	Devizes Wilts	23 November 1917 Egyptian Theatre Killed in Action	Jerusalem Israel	N/A	1891 (but spelt Rowse)
Tom Simpson	Ashbury Shrivenham Berks	Ashbury Shrivenham Berks	Short Service Attestation Papers Royal Berkshire Regiment No: 16156 Enlisted on 30 December 1914	Reading Berks				1841 - 1911

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Arthur James Spackman	Ashbury	Ashbury	Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (Prince of Wales Own Royal Regiment) Rank: Serjeant Service Nos: 851, 320189 18 th Cycle Battalion Army Cyclist Corps Rank: Second Lieutenant Victory medal, British Medal, Star		Died from Tuberculosis in 1938 whilst living in Ashbury		Theatre of War: France	1911
* William Taber	Bordon Hants	Shrivenham Berks	Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 8 th Battalion Rank: Lance Corporal 16154 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Reading Berks	27 August 1918 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action Aged 28	Bernafay Wood British Cemetery, Montauban France	N/A	1911
* William Timberell (NB spelt Timbrell elsewhere)	Shrivenham	Hungerford Berks	Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 2 nd Battalion Rank: Private 6189 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Oxford	22 October 1914 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Died of Wounds	Ypres, West Flanders Belgium	N/A	Timberell 1881 Timbrell 1891, 1901 – 1901 Timbrel 1891
* Joseph Henry Tombs	Smokedown Berks	Ashbury Berks	Hampshire Regiment 1 st Battalion Rank: Private 23806 Formerly 16161 Royal Berks Regiment Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Reading Berks	21 April 1918 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Dept du Pas-de-Calais, Nord, France	N/A	1901 - 1911

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* William Walker	Ashbury Berks	Shrivenham Berks	Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 6 th Battalion Rank: Lance Corporal 16685 Victory Medal, British Medal,	Reading Berks	18 February 1917 France and Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Thiepval Memorial France	N/A	1851, 1891, 1901, 1911
Henry H Wallington	Ashbury Berks	Wantage Berks	Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment. 1 st Battalion Rank: Private 3/9462 Victory Medal, British Medal,	Swindon Wilts	21 March 1918 France and Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Dept du Pas-de-Calais, Nord, France	N/A	1891, 1911
* Robert William Webb (NB William Webb on memorial & Church Roll)	Salisbury	Bishopstone Wilts	Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment. 2 nd Battalion Rank: Private 22271 Victory Medal, British Medal	Salisbury	5 August 1916 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Died of Wounds	Dept de la Somme, Picardie, France	N/A	1861 - 1911
Frederick Whitcher	Norfolk	Ashbury Berks	Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Force) Rank: Private 2034 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star, Clasp	Exeter Devon	Died at Home 22 May 1915 Aged 23	Cambridge City Cemetery England	N/A	

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Cyril Francis White (NB Cyril F on War Memorial and Cyril Frederic on Church Roll)	Ashbury Berks	Detroit Michigan USA	Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force Attestation papers indicate 4 th Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion Rank: Private 213394	Ontario Canada	10 October 1917 Aged 23	Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension France	N/A	1841, 1861, 1891, 1901, 1911
Stanley George White	Ashbury Berks	Reading	Attestation Papers: Short Service 3 Years with the Colours. Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Rank: Private 737. 3639 also mentioned Wiltshire Regiment Private 203383	(Not visible on Record due to damage)	N/A	N/A	Received a WW1 Pension	1841, 1861, 1891, 1901, 1911
William Wiggins	Ashbury Berks	Caversham	Coldstream Guards Private 19676 Victory Medal, British Medal	High Wycombe	13 April 1918 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Comines-Warneton Hainaut, Belgium	N/A	1841 - 1911
James J Withers	Ashbury Berks	Andover Hants	Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 5 th Battalion Rank: Private 22434 Victory Medal, British Medal	Newbury	28 April 1917 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Died of Wounds	Dept du Pas-de-Calais, Nord France	N/A	

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Four different records have been found for a soldier named **Edward Cross** * - a name inscribed on both the Ashbury War Memorial and Church Roll of Honour; however, none entirely match the criteria established for this project. That being said, the first two records may have the closest fit.

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Harry Edward Cross		Swindon Wilts	Short Service Attestation Papers Coldstream Guards No. 21388	Swindon (was a police constable)				1841, 1861,1891, 1901,1911
Edward Cross	Reading Berks	Reading Berks	Attestation Papers state: Short Service. West Riding Regiment Had served previously in the Berkshire Regiment	Aldershot				1841, 1861,1891, 1901,1911
Edward Cross	Whitchurch Hants		Princess Charlotte of Wales Royal Berkshire Regiment 2 nd Battalion Rank Private: 9002 Victory Medal, British Medal, Star	Hungerford	16 August 1917 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Killed in Action	Buttes New British Cemetery, Polygon Wood, Belgium		1841, 1861,1891, 1901,1911
Edward Cross	Whitchurch Hants	Whitchurch Hants	Duke of Edinburgh Wiltshire Regiment 1 st Battalion Rank Private: 31628	Andover	29 April 1918 France & Flanders Western European Theatre Died of wounds	Dozinghem Military Cemetary Belgium		1841, 1861,1891, 1901,1911

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Types of service up until 1914 - The British Army had offered 4 forms of recruitment since 1908. A man could join the army as a professional soldier of the regular army or as a part-time member of the Territorial Force or as a soldier of the Special Reserve. Finally there was the opportunity to join the National Reserve. There was a long-running battle, with politicians and military men taking both sides, about whether Britain should have a system of national conscripted service. By 1914 this had not come about and Britain's army was entirely voluntary. **Short service** - In addition to being able to enlist in the

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regular army on standard terms (usually 12 years) throughout the war years, Lord Kitchener introduced in August 1914 a new form of "Short Service", under which a man could serve for 3 years or for the duration of the war, whichever was the longer. Men joining on this basis were nevertheless technically "of the regular army".

Joining Regiments Wartime volunteers continued to have, at least in theory, a choice over the regiment they joined. They had to meet the same physical criteria as the peace time regulars, but men who had previously served in the army could be accepted up to the age of 45. There are many recorded instances however, of both under age and over age men being accepted into the service. It was not necessary to produce evidence of age or even of one's name in order to enlist.

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