

19283

Private



HAWKINS

Frederick Thomas (Tom)

5th Bn. Wiltshire Regiment

Death regarded as	28 July 1916
Place of Death	Mesopotamia
How Died	Malaria
Birth Registration	1892
Place of Birth	Aldbourne
Parents	Henry Hawkins of Aldbourne married Emma Deacon in 1889 in the Hungerford registration district. They had 6 boys and 5 girls, all born in Aldbourne. Henry was employed as a shepherd throughout his working life.
Residence	Census 1901: Upper Upham, Aldbourne Census 1911: The Butts, Aldbourne
Occupation	Census 1911: under carter on farm
Military Service	<p>Tom enlisted with 5th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment on 1st September 1914 at Devizes (Army No. 19283). In 1915, he was posted with his battalion to the Dardanelles landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 4th September.</p> <p>In January 1916, after four months of heavy fighting, they were evacuated from Gallipoli first to Egypt and then in February 1916 to Mesopotamia. Whilst serving in Mesopotamia, he contracted malaria and died on 28 July 1916.</p> <p>Private Tom Hawkins is buried at the Amara War Cemetery, southern Iraq.</p>
Memorials	Amara War Cemetery IX. C. 11. Aldbourne Village War Memorial Roll of Honour plaque at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne
Aldbourne WW1 website	<p>The Dependant Pension Card lists his mother Emma, now a widow and living in Bishopstone, as next of kin.</p> <p>She was awarded a pension following Tom's death which meant that she was not eligible to receive anything when Tom's younger brother's death (Edward Robert Hawkins) was also confirmed.</p>
Medals Awarded	British and Victory Medals: C/1/102 B6 Page 687 15 Star: C/1/13 Page 251

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MAY, 1915.

May 1. S.S. Philip and James, Ap.
10, 11, 12. Rogation Days.
13. Ascension Day.
14. Whit Sunday.
16, 17, 18. Ember Days.
19. Trinity Sunday.

HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays, 7 a.m. May 9th and 23rd.
" 8 a.m. " 16th and 30th.
" 10 a.m. " 27th.
Ascension Day, 7 a.m.
Other Thursdays 8 a.m.

The Red Cross Working party will not meet until further notice.

The "Three Hours Service" on Good Friday was not quite so well attended as in former years. This we regret. The Devotions were conducted by the Rev. W. Biddens, Vicar of Great Centwell, whose address we hear, was very helpful. There was a good congregation at Evesong, when the Vicar gave an address.

On Easter Morning we missed the usual joyous peal of bells, announcing the dawn of the Queen of Festivals; but of course in war-time things cannot be quite normal, and to think there were good reasons for the omission! However, here on in the day, our prayers did splendidly, and we thank them for their efforts to add brightness to the Festival. The chief Services of the day—our Lord's own Service—were at 8, 7 and noon. There were in all 74 Communicants. Some may say 'a goodly number'. Yes, but does it represent all them in the parish who have been confirmed? Nevertheless, we thank God, that so many were loyal to their Lord and His Church, and we look hopefully and joyfully on to the future. The Acolytes at Morning and Evesong sang "I am He that liveth" (Stainer). The Services were bright and happy, and the Choir and our good Organist, are to be commended for the way in which they acquitted themselves. The teaching of the day came with special assurance and courage. This year, for how many hearts there are wanting the strength and courage, protection and comfort by the Easter Victory! Our Lord's "Peace be unto you" seemed to be a living message to each soul, amidst all the anxiety and sorrow which now fills the world. May that peace so fill our hearts, that we may solemnly enter into and pass through whatever experience may be in store for us, relying

enjoyfully upon the great promise "As thy day so shall thy strength be."

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS,

Easter 1914—Easter 1915.

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Collections for Church Expenses (Easter 1914—1915)	44 15 3
July 27, Two pence each of Garden Fair Due to Churchwardens Easter 1915	8 2 0
	1 0 1
	£53 17 3

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Due to Churchwardens Easter 1914	8 1 10
Stewart's Salary	12 15 0
Land	9 12 0
Oil, glass, and wood	2 11 0
Organ Blower	4 0 0
Chimes	4 0 0
Parochial Quota	4 10 0
Sacramental Wine	1 4 0
Cleaning Materials	1 13 0
Washing Surplines	1 17 0
Candabra and Altar Box	2 15 0
Sundries	15 7
	£53 17 3

The above accounts were presented and passed at the Vestry.

TOTAL OF COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH FOR THE YEAR.

For Church Expenses	44 15 3
Stark and Pore	12 15 0
Altar Fund	3 2 0
A.C.S.	1 0 1
S.P.G.	5 15 0
Walls and Straps	3 0 5
Church Army	8 0 0
C.T.S.	18 0 0
Red Cross Funds	5 4 5
S.W. Antislavery Division	10 5 0
National Relief Fund	9 2 0
	£92 17 1

The Easter Vestry was held on Easter Monday at 10 o'clock. Mr. Hickman and Mr. Povey were again appointed Churchwardens, and all the Elders were re-elected. Special votes of thanks were accorded to the Churchwardens, Stewards, the Hon. Organist, the Choir and Ringers, and to all other Churchworkers in the parish. The Vicar and Churchwardens placed on the "Minute-Book" a record of their appreciation of the work of the "Garden Fair" Committee, in raising such a substantial sum for Church purposes in the year.

LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE BELGIAN HOME, SWINDON.

The Accounts of the Treasurer of the Parochial Fund (the Vicar) were audited on March 26th, 1915, by Mr. H. Wilson, and showed that from Nov. 7th, 1914, to Feb. 27th, 1915, the sum of £53 17 3 had been received by weekly instalments, in the Parish. Out of this sum £31 16 9 had been paid towards the expenses of the "Belgian Home" at 27, Church St., Swindon, leaving a balance of £21 15 4. Of this amount £2 8 0 has been spent in the purchase of materials for the parochial Red Cross working party; £3 is held for the two "prisoners of war" from this parish, having a balance of £6 10 11 in the Treasurer's hands. The "Home" requires aid; and we hear that more and more accommodations is needed for such articles of Belgian refugees who are seeking shelter and hospitality in our country. We shall all be willing to continue our help, so long as the need so exists.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are the names in alphabetical order, of those from our Parish who are either fighting or preparing to fight for their King and Country:—
 Frederick Bailey, Chas. V. Bailey, Arthur Bagnall, Robt. Bowsher, Alfred Blissett, Arthur Bishop, Wm. Chaney, Rich. Chivers, Oliver Cockhead, Chas. H. Cozens, Joseph Durham, Thos. Fowler, Geo. Hawkins, Thos. Hawkins, Wm. Hunt, Fredk. Lawrence, Fredk. Orchard, Wm. Meader, Thos. Montague, Fredk. Nutley, Wm. A. Nutley, Josiah Ponting, Joseph Ponting, Wm. Rouse, Percy Stone, Joseph Turner, Wm. Wall, Ed. H. Wilson, Robt. H. Wilson.

May God bless and protect them, and bring them back in safety to their homes!

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