



WWI Casualty

William Herbert Ladd, DCM

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Ladd	William Herbert	Corporal	8402	2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment		1918	21st March		
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1893	7th February	Holt	Ladd	Edward Walter	Hodges	Emily	1893	1st July	United Reformed Church, Holt
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head		
The Midlands, Village, Holt									

1901	Ladd	Edward W.	Married	38	Carter in skin yard	Hilperton Marsh	Head	
	Ladd	Emily	Married	42		Holt	Wife	
	Ladd	Francis M.		12		Holt	Daughter	
	Ladd	Edward W.		11		Holt	Son	
	Ladd	William H.		8		Holt	Son	
	Ladd	Ivy May		6		Holt	Daughter	
	Ladd	Martha G.		4		Holt	Daughter	
	Ladd	Isabel L.		2		Holt	Daughter	
	Ladd	Jim		Infant		Holt	Son	
	Beames	Albert	Unmarried	21	Wire Weaver	Holt	Boarder	
At the time of writing there is no record of Herbert in the 1911 Census - Probably serving with his regiment								
Military Service Record								
Enlistment Details								
Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion	
			Years	Months	Days			
1909		Devizes	16			Gardener to Mr. E. Beaven	Member of the United Reformed Church	
Physical Description								
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks			
Feet	Inches							
Embarked for France on the 19th October 1914								
10th/11th March 1915 involved in the fighting at Neuve Chappelle, France								
Promoted to Corporal in April 1915								
Awarded the DCM on 3rd June 1915 for gallant conduct at Neuve Chappelle on the night of 10th/11th March 1915, when he voluntarily brought in a machine gun from a very exposed position, whilst exposed to heavy Fire								
Returned to England in the Autumn of 1916 suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg. He was admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital, Whalley, Lancashire								
Awarded the Medal of St. George (Russian) for gallantry and distinguished service in the field in 1918								
Next of Kin								
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship		Abode			
Ladd	Edward Walter	Married	Father		The Midlands, Holt			

Details of Death									
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid				
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.
1918	21st March	Killed in Action	Somme, France						
Grave Location									
Cemetery							Plot Number		
No known grave									
War Memorials and Commemorations									
Memorial Name and Location							Panel Number		
Pozières Memorial, Somme, France							Panel 64		
Holt War memorial, Ham Green, Holt									
Other Significant Information									
On a visit home whilst recuperating after a gunshot wound to his leg, Herbert was given a heroic welcome homecoming and was given many gifts of thanks, including an engraved watch and large photograph. He also received a purse containing money. He was met at the station festooned with Union Jacks and an array of colourful plants in pots.									
Many articles were published in local newspapers about William Herbert and his bravery and service achievements.									



← **Herbert William Ladd**

Pozières Memorial, Somme, France →





Holt War Memorial, Ham Green, Holt