





REGINALD LOADER

of Ludgershall, Wiltshire

Pte Reginald Loader

Original memorial cross Duhallow ADS Cemetery

Date of birth	1897	Baptised	
Birth registered	Mar Q 1897 Pewsey Reg District Vol 5a Page 153		2
Birthplace	Ludgershall		2

Father	William Loader b.1864 Bradford Abbas Dorset	
Mother	Annie (nee Harmsworth) b.1865 Basingstoke Hampshire. Married 12 November 1887 Ludgershall	5
Siblings	Rose Ellen b.1888, Louisa Anna b.1889, Harriet b.1893, Bertha May b.1895 (all born Ludgershall)	3

Residence 1901	Winchester Street, Ludgershall. Father's occupation Insurance Agent	3
Residence 1911	Butt Street, Ludgershall	3

Wife	N/A	
Children	-	

Rank	Private	1
Regiment	1 st Battalion Grenadier Guards	1
Enlisted	Marlborough	
Service Number	27323	1
Medals	Victory / British	4
Date of Death	30 July 1917 age 20	1
Cause	Killed in Action	1
Burial / Memorial	Duhallow ADS Cemetery Ypres Belgium. Ref VII.G.13	1

NOTES





Private Loader Killed in Action

We regret to state that Mrs Loader of 4 Newton Villas, Ludgershall has received official notification of the death in action of her son, Reginald Loader on the 30th of July. He was in the employ of Richard Dickeson & Co Ltd for some time, but was called up being drafted to the 1st Bn Grenadier Guards. He was sent to France on 3rd April and has been in the firing line practically the whole time. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends goes out to the bereaved in their loss. Andover Advertiser 21 August 1917

Letter from the Chaplain stating that Reginald was properly buried in a soldier's cemetery near the spot where he was killed by shell fire. Later, a cross made by the Battalion was made to mark the place. Andover Advertiser 21 August 1917

The quiet of Ludgershall was disturbed on Wednesday by news of a shooting fatality concerning one of the best known inhabitants of the village, Mr William Loader.... The facts were inquired into at an inquest The jury retired and found that deceased was found dead from a shot self-inflicted at a time when he was not of a sound mind. Wiltshire Gazette 30 April 1914

Commemorated: Ludgershall War Memorial, St James' Church Memorial Plaque, Salisbury Cathedral Book of Remembrance

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