



## *Casualties of WWI*

### *Bratton*

**BLAGDEN, HENRY** - Lance Corporal PO/6388 - Portsmouth Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Marines Light Infantry - Died 27th August 1915 killed in action - Age 44 - Born in West Lavington on 15th September 1871; Son of the late James and Ann Blagden of West Lavington; Brother of T. Blagden of Bratton - Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 2 to 7. - Commemorated on the Bratton War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**BRENT, GEORGE** - Staff Sergeant A/1997 - Army Ordnance Corps attached to E Training Battalion, Machine Gun Corps - Died 3rd September 1918 of malaria - Age 30 - Born in Westbury; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Son of George and Naomi Maria Brent; Husband of Edith Brent of Luccombe House, Bratton - Buried in Bratton Baptist Chapelyard - Grave/Memorial Reference:- South Part - Commemorated on the Bratton War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**CARTER, ARTHUR FRANK** - Lance Corporal 10595 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 14th June 1915 of wounds received in France - Age 21 - Born in Bratton; Resident of Westbury; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Son of Frank W. and Martha Carter of Bratton - Buried in Bratton (St. James) Churchyard, Bratton - Grave/Memorial Reference:- North-East of Church - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in The Central Council Memorial Book of Church Bell-Ringers, St. Paul's Cathedral, London - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**COOMBS, HENRY WHITAKER** - Lieutenant - 18th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers - Died 2nd July 1917 - Age 23 - Son of Arthur Henry and Mary Sophie Whitaker Coombs of the Manse, Bratton; Resident of Keyford School, Frome, Somerset, BA., C.C.C. Oxon; a junior master of Wellington College - Buried at Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Plot 1. Row B. Grave 8.

**COSSER, HAROLD FRANCIS** - Private 200122 - 1/4th T. F. Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment - Died 22nd May 1917 in Mesopotamia - Born in Donhead St. Mary; Resident of Edington; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Son of George and Anna Louisa Cosser of West Ashton - Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 22 and 63. - Commemorated on the ©Wiltshire OPC Project/2017/Andrew Thomson

Bratton War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**DOWN, CHARLES LLEWELLYN** - Able Seaman R/6721 - Hood Battalion, Royal Navy Division Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve - Died 8th October 1918 killed in action - Age 30 - Born in Trowbridge on the 21st June 1888; Resident of 1 Whitehorse Cottages, Bratton; Son of James and Mary Down of Trowbridge; Husband of Annie E. Down of 25 St. Thomas's Road, Trowbridge - Buried in Flesquieres Hill British Cemetery, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- IV. B. 29. - Headstone Inscription reads:- Thy Will Be Done - Commemorated on the Bratton War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**DREWETT, CHARLES JOHN** - Private 62598 - 16th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers - Died 4th November 1918 killed action - Age 19 - Born in Westbury; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Son of Charles and May Effie Drewett of The Ball, Bratton - Buried in Ors Communal Cemetery, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- C. 9. - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton Salisbury - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral

**DREWETT, WILFRED** - Rifleman 333 - 19th Western Battalion, Rifle Brigade Transferred to 358854, 810th Area Employment Company, Labour Corps - Died 16th January 1918 - Age 39 - Born in Westbury; Resident of Westbury; Enlisted at Chippenham; Son of James Drewett of Bratton; husband of Ellen Drewett - Buried in Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt - Grave/Memorial Reference:- D. 124. - Headstone Inscription reads:- To Live Is Christ, To Die is Gain - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**EDWARDS, WILLIAM CHARLES** - Private 45468 - 18th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Formerly 1928, Royal Wilts Yeomanry - Died 22nd October 1917 - Age 19 - Born in Alvediston; Resident of Westbury; Enlisted at Salisbury; Son of Charles and Sarah Edwards of Reeve's Farm, Bratton - Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 54 to 60 and 163A.

**FELTHAM, WALTER** - Private 17201 - 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards - Died 23rd March 1918 - Age 33 - Born in Bratton; Enlisted at Chippenham; Son of Charles and Betsey Feltham; husband of Agnes Annie Feltham - Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/ Memorial Reference:- Bay 1. Course J. Stone No. 10 - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**FIDLER, ALBERT** - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury - There is no defining information found to determine the identity of this casualty

**GATLEY, CHARLES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON (MRCS, LRCP)** - Captain - Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the 7th Buffs (East Kent Regiment) - Died 28th February 1921 of wounds received in France - Age 31 - Born in Norbiton, Surrey; Resident of Bratton; Son of the late Henry R. Gatley and Isabella Gatley of 12 Surbiton Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey - Buried in Bratton (St. James) Churchyard, Bratton - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton

**HOLLOWAY, GEORGE** - Private 10278 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 13th March 1915 of wounds received in France - Age 19 - Born in Bratton; Resident of Bratton; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth Holloway of Court Farm, Bratton - Buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- J. 25 - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**HURLE, ROBERT ALBERT** - Lance Corporal 12091 - 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 2nd July 1916 - Age 19 - Born in Bratton; Resident of Bratton; Enlisted at Bratton; Son of Henry and Rosa Eleanor Hurle of Lower Road, Bratton - Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Pier and Face 13A - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**IREDALE, HERBERT CHARLES** - Corporal 5027 - 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays) - Died 31st October 1914 - Age 31 - Born in Fulham, Middlesex; Resident of Buxted, Sussex; Enlisted in at London; Son of the late Charles Bilson Iredale; Husband of Phyllis Audrey Mead (former Iredale) of By-the-Way, Lower Road, Bratton - Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 3.

**KING, FREDERICK WILLIAM** - Private 3205597 - 31st Battalion Canadian Infantry - Died 8th October 1918 - Age 34 - Born in Bratton; Son of David and Louisa King of 4 White Horse Cottages, Bratton; Brother of Henry George King who also gave his life for his country - Buried in the Canada Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Cambrai, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- II. B. 16. - Headstone Inscription reads:- Until the Day Break - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - According to the Canadian War Graves Register the circumstances of death was that he took part with his Battalion in an attack South of Blecourt on 8th October 1918 and at about 9 p.m. after having advanced a distance of about 100 yards towards the first objective he was hit in the forehead by an enemy machine gun bullet and died a few minutes afterwards.

**KING, HENRY GEORGE** - Private 203093 - 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment; Formerly 3870 Hampshire Regiment - Died 21st March 1918 - Age 29 - Born in Bratton; Resident of Bratton; Enlisted at Devizes; Son of David and Louisa King of 4 White Horse Cottages, Bratton; Brother of Frederick William King who also gave his life for his country - Commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 64 - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**MEAD, HAROLD** - Private 10607 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 12th March 1915 - Age 24 - Born in Bratton; Resident of Westbury; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Son of Henry Levi and Elizabeth Mead of Court Lane, Bratton; Brother of Walter James Mead who also gave his life for his country - Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Wes-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 53 - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury - Commemorated in The Central Council Memorial Book of Church Bell-Ringers, St. Paul's Cathedral. London

**MEAD, WALTER JAMES** - Private 320399 - Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry - Died 19th May 1917 - Age 28 - Born in Bratton; Resident of Westbury; Enlisted at Warminster; Son of Henry Levi and Elizabeth Mead of Court Lane, Bratton; Brother of Harold Mead who also gave his life for his country - Buried in Villers Hill British Cemetery, Villers-Guislain, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- VI. C. 14 - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**MERRETT, ALBERT TOM** - Private 41283 - 13th Battalion Devonshire Regiment, transferred to 171823 447th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps - Died 1st December 1918 - Age 28 - Born in Bratton; Son of the late John Merrett and Mary A. Merrett of Bratton; Husband of Elsie Laura Bushrod (formerly Merrett) of Park Gate, Stoke Wake, Blandford, Dorset - Buried in Bratton (St. James) Churchyard, Bratton - Grave/Memorial Reference:- At West end of Church - Headstone Inscription reads:- As Dying and Behold We Live - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton

**MOORE, ERNEST LESLIE** - Private 12081 - 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 25th September 1915 - Born in Abbot's Ann, Hampshire; Resident of Bratton; Enlisted at Bratton; Son of Mrs. Emma Barnes of 2 Luccomb Terrace, Bratton - Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/ Memorial Reference:- Panel 102 - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**MULLENS, OLIVER NORAH MASH** - Private 10551 - 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 23rd February 1915 - Age 18 - Born in Wootton Rivers; Resident of Bratton; Son of Mark and Elizabeth Mullens of Bratton - Buried in Rue-David Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- I. H. 42 - Headstone Inscription reads:- Sleep on beloved, Sleep and take thy rest - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**PEARCE, FRANK** - Private 11368 - 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 25th September 1915 - Age 25 - Born in East Coulston; Resident of Bratton; Enlisted at Devizes; Son of George and Mary Ann Pearce of Stradbrook Road, Bratton - Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/ Memorial Reference:- Panel 102 - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton - Commemorated in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury

**SCOTT, FREDERICK WILLIAM** - Gunner 66554 - 228th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery - Died 24th October 1917 of wounds received in France - Age 30 - Born in Westbury; Enlisted at Swindon; Son of Alfred and Lillian Scott of Bratton; Husband of Lillian A. Thorne formerly Scott of Park View Terrace, Dilton - Buried in the Menin Road South Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference:- III. I.23. - Headstone Inscription reads:- R. I. P. - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton

**WATTS, PHILIP JOHN** - 13th Battalion Canadian Regiment - Died 13th May 1934 from effects of wounds received in the Great War - Age 40 - Born in Bratton; Son of Emma Watts and the late Frederick Watts of Bratton - Commemorated on the Bratton Village War Memorial - Commemorated on the St. James the Great Church Roll of Honour, Bratton

**WYATT, ARTHUR BERNARD** - Able Seaman Bristol Z/1440 - Nelson Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve - Died 24th April 1917 - Age 19 - Born 31st October 1897; Resident of 28 Taunton Road, Bridgwater, Somerset; Enlisted 3rd December 1915; Son of the Reverend Henry and Emily M. Wyatt, The Manse, Bratton; Occupation Pharmacist - Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Bay 1.