



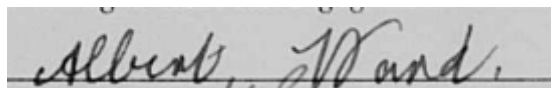
## WWI Casualty

### Private, Albert Frederick Ward

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Ward	Albert Frederick	Private	23129	Gloucestershire Regiment	10th (Service) Battalion	1915	25-Sep	21	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1894		Stourton Caundle, Dorset	Ward	Ernest Joseph					
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head		
1901									

1911							
<b>Military Service Record</b>							
<b>Enlistment Details</b>							
Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion
			Years	Months	Days		
1914	02-Oct	Mere	20			Labourer	Church of England
<b>Physical Description</b>							
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks		
Feet	Inches						
5'	6"	Dark	Grey	Brown	None		
<b>Significant Military Service</b>							
<p>He first enlisted with the 4<sup>th</sup> Dorset Regiment - Territorial Force at Mere, Wiltshire on 2nd October 1914. He was given the service number of 2540. Albert was discharged, after serving 31 days, in consequence of para 392 (iii) (c) King's regulations. The grounds for his discharge were for (iii) – "Not being likely to become an efficient soldier" (c) "Recruit within three months of enlistment considered unfit for service". He was recorded as being of good conduct. His discharge was approved at Dorchester on 24th February 1915.</p>							
<p>Albert Re-applied to join up and was accepted. He joined the Gloucestershire Regiment when enlisting at Warminster. He was given the rank of Private and Service Number of 23129. His records show that he was attached to 10th (Service) Battalion of Gloucestershire Regiment</p>							
<p>From the battalion war diaries, the 10th Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment was raised at Bristol in September 1914 as part of Kitchener's Third New Army and was attached to 26th Division. They moved to Salisbury Plain for training and by November 1914 had moved to billets in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. They returned to Salisbury Plain in April 1915 to complete their training. They proceeded to France on 8th August 1915 and joined the 1st Brigade, 1st Division on the 17th August. They first saw action in Battle of Loos - the first day being 25th September 1915, when the 10th Battalion of Gloucestershire Regiment and other regiments attacked German trenches around the small French mining town of Loos near the Belgian border. The Battalion was decimated and the Battle of Loos effectively ended on 28th September. The British suffered a loss of 50,000 casualties while the Germans loss was around 25,000. It is estimated that in total just over 6,300 soldiers died on the first day - 25th September 1915.</p>							
<p>Private Albert Ward was entitled to the 1915 Star, British War &amp; Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card shows he had entered a Theatre of War - France on 9th August 1915 and was killed less than 7 weeks later.</p>							
<b>Next of Kin</b>							
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship	Abode			
Ward	E. J.		Father	Shave Mead, Kilmington			
Ward	Ernest		Father	26 Chitterne Rd, Codford St. Mary			

		Joseph								
Details of Death										
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid Weekly					Recipient
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.	
1915	25-Sep	Killed in Action	France & Flanders							
Grave Location										
Cemetery									Plot Number	
St. Mary's Advanced Dressing Station Cemetery at Haisnes, France									Plot XII. F. 2.	
War Memorials and Commemorations										
Memorial Name and Location									Panel Number	
Codford St. Mary Church Memorial										
Named in the Codford St. Mary Section of the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book held in Salisbury Cathedral										
Other Significant Information										
Elder brother Frank Baker died on the 12th September 1916 whilst on active service.										



Signature of Albert Frederick Ward

**OPC Note:**

At time of research, census information for deceased or his family could not be found



← St. Mary Church Memorial, Codford St. Mary by James Parsons

→ Headstone of Albert Frederick Ward at St. Mary's Advanced Dressing Station Cemetery, Haisnes, France.

