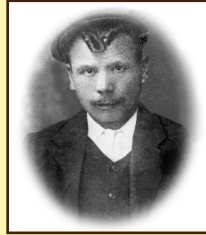




**'B' Company
1st Battalion
Hampshire Regiment
Service No. 6753**



**Lance Corporal
WALTER HERBERT SMITH**

Born in Winchester in 1888.

**Killed in action
on 3rd November 1914.**

Aged 26.

WALTER HERBERT SMITH was born in 1888 in Winchester, Hampshire, and was the son of Edwin Herbert Smith, a carpenter and joiner of 68 Sussex Street, Winchester, and his wife Charlotte Eliza Whitear. His parents later moved to 11 Fairfield Road, Winchester.

Walter was brother to Edwin Alfred, Winifred, Dorothy, Clement, Gladys and Nelly. He married a Barton Stacey girl, Lucy Ann Ball, in 1912. She was the daughter of William Charles Ball, an agricultural worker of Difford Cottages, Barton Stacey and his wife Fanny Bennett.

He enlisted as a Private in the Hampshire Regiment and was assigned to 'B' Company of the 1st Battalion.

At the outbreak of the Great War in August 1914, the 1st Battalion was stationed at Colchester as a unit of the 11th Brigade, 4th Division. On 23rd August 1914 they were mobilised for war and landed at Le Havre, France.

The 4th Division engaged in various actions on the Western Front in 1914 including the battles of Le Cateau, Marne, Aisne and Messines. In December 1914 the battalion took part in the famous Christmas Truce. L/Cpl Walter Smith was not to take part as he was killed in action on 3rd November 1914.

His headstone can be found in the Churchyard of All Saints' Church, Barton Stacey, Hampshire.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD, BARTON STACEY



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is the only Commonwealth War
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this Churchyard.**