



Private Albert John Paul 15022



2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Nottingham and Derbyshire) Regiment

Killed in action Monday 9th August 1915, Age 20

Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium
Panels 39-41

Burbage War Memorial

St Catherine's Church Memorial



Albert was the eldest son and third child of Albert and Mary Paul. He was born in Hinckley in March 1895.

At the age of three Albert started his education at the Hinckley Catholic School but by January 1900 the family had moved to Burbage and he was attending the Burbage National school.

The growing family had moved from Hinckley to Cruck Cottage, 129 Church St, Burbage. His father Albert was a bricklayer and belonged to the family firm of Pauls builders.



The Paul family – A J Paul top row 2nd from right with his father on the front row

In 1914 Albert enlisted in Nuneaton, perhaps he was working in the area? After basic training he was attached to the 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Under Major General Congrave the 2nd Foresters were based in Sheffield. This was followed by moving to Cambridge before embarkation to France in the autumn of 1914 when they were posted to the St Nazaire region of Belgium.

The second battle of Ypres began in April 1915. Territory was fought and lost with no significant gains on either side until the large crater was formed from an attack on the 19th July which resulted in The Hooge Crater. The Germans first used liquid gas on 30/31 July 1915, resulting in a revenge attack to retake the crater on the 9th August.

This attack resulted in an allied victory but it was during this battle that Albert was killed. He has no known grave but his name is on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres and he is also remembered on the family grave at St Catherine's Church, Burbage.



St Catherine's Church

GREGORY J. J.	NEAL J.	TAYLOR F. 4929
GRETTON E.	NEEP H.	LOYAL NOR
GRIFFITHS J. W.	NEWBOLD A.	MAJOR
GUMSLEY T. E.	NEWBOLD T.	CARTER A. J. D. 5
HACKETT A. E.	NEWTON H.	CAPTAIN
HADFIELD S.	NOBLE A.	GREEN E. U. M. C.
HALL H.	NOBLE M.	HARRIS A. L.
HALL R.	NOBLE W.	PRINCE A. L.
HALLAM A.	NUTTALL G. T.	RYLEY H. F. B.
HALLORAN J.	ODAM J. T.	LIEUTENANT
HALLSWORTH B.	O'HARA M.	ASHCROFT G.
HAMLETT J. J.	OLIVER S.	DENNETT E.
HANCOCK A.	ORCHARD E.	CARR J. S.
HARDY A.	ORTON H. H.	OSTREHAN D. H.
HARDY F.	OSWIN J.	SECOND LIEUT
HARE G. H.	PALMER G.	APPLEBY S. D.
HARPER A. E. H.	PARKER F.	FRANKLAND J. C.
HARRIS A.	PARKIN J. T.	FULLERTON F.
HARRIS J. T.	PARK H. T.	HARRISON W. S. E.
HARRISON H.	PAUL A. J.	LUNT C.
HARRISON W.	PEACH J. W.	OGDEN J. H.
HARTSHORN H.	PEACHELL W.	SWIFT H. H.
HARVEY P.	PEARSON J.	WILLIAMS E. H.
HAVATY H.	PEARSON R.	COY S. J. T. MAJOR
HAYES A.	PENDLETON T.	CONNOR J.
HAYES S.	PERRY C. A.	MOLYNEUX S.
HAYNES G. W.	PERRY J.	COY. OMR. SERJ. T.
HAZELDINE E.	PERRY J. W.	CASTLEY L.
HAZELL W. F.	PERRY R. G.	FLETCHER J. D. C. M.
HEATH J. W.	PHILLIPS D.	SERJEANT
HENSON E.	PHILLIPS J. W.	BEARDWOOD W.
HEFTONSTALL W. G.	PLIGGARD R.	BLEARS J.
HERBERT D.	PIGIN F.	BROWN C.
HERON W. J.	PIPER W.	CHALLEN W. T.
HILL M.	PIRE W.	
HINGELIFF S.	PLUCKNETT W. G.	
HOPFEN W.	PLUMLEY B.	
HOLDEN E. A.	POTTER A.	
HOLLAND W.	POTTER T.	
	POWELL B.	



The Menin Gate Memorial Ypres, Belgium

At the age of 44 only five days before his son was killed on the 4th August, Albert Paul senior signed enlistment papers in Leicester. Albert was part of the National Reserve having served with the 4th Leicester's. He stated on enlistment that he was a musician and it appears he served until 1917 but there are no other military records of him. He died at the age of 53 in 1920.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
PAUL	9th Buffs & Derby R	Pte	15022
A. J. Chest	"	"	"
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	7/103 Bl	918	Kin A. 9/8/15
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	F.70/1	452	
Theatre of War first served in	(1) France		
Date of entry therein	3-5-15		

K. 1380.

Albert J Paul – Medal Card

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling, and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Sunday, April 2nd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (See note at bottom, under Examples in last 2 columns.)	RELATIONSHIP to Family	AGE		SEX		MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION		RESIDENCE of every Person, Foreign Country	INFIRMITY.
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Wife	Children	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected		
1. Alfred Paul	Head	47		Married	19	10	0	Bookbinder	Bookbinder	Burbage	
2. Mary Ann Paul	Wife	43		Married	19	10	0	Housewife	Housewife	Burbage	
3. Elizabeth Paul	Daughter	19		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
4. Mary Ellen Paul	Daughter	17		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
5. Elizabeth Paul	Daughter	15		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
6. Margaret Elizabeth Paul	Daughter	14		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
7. George Paul	Daughter	11		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
8. George Paul	Daughter	9		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
9. William Henry Paul	Daughter	8		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
10. William Henry Paul	Daughter	5		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
11. William Henry Paul	Daughter	3		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
12. George Paul	Daughter	2		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
13. George Paul	Daughter	1		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	
14. John Paul	Daughter	84		Single				Widow	Widow	Burbage	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

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(To be filled up by the Head of Family or other person in possession, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Albert Paul
Printed Address: 129 Church St. Burbage Leicestershire

1911 Census – "Crick Cottage" 129 Church Street, Burbage