

Private George Alfred Mitchell©
Regimental number: 38194
15th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers

born: 1895 - died: 11 July 1917

Private George Alfred Mitchell was born in 1895¹ in Eashing, Surrey,² the son of Arthur and Fanny Mitchell.³ Both his parents were also born in Surrey—Arthur in about 1865 in Hascombe and Fanny a year later in Guildford. They were married on 26 December 1887 in the parish church in Horsell, Surrey.⁴ Arthur was a baker and Fanny a servant. They went on to have five children: Howard Arthur (born in 1888),⁵ Gladys Evelyn (born in 1892),⁶ George, Charles John (born in 1898)⁷ and Robert Percy (born in 1900, but died in 1907).⁸

In 1891, the young family was living at Hascombe Villa in Esher.⁹ Ten years later, Arthur was now a master baker, employing others, and the family, with five children, was living 64-5 Quarry Street in Guildford.¹⁰ By the age of 15, in 1911, George had become an assistant printer and the family was living at 60 Townsend Street in Guildford.¹¹ Arthur was still a baker and his son Howard was working with him.

George enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force in Godalming, Surrey¹² sometime after July 1916.¹³ He first served with the Royal West Surrey Regiment (Regimental number: 37680), but at some point, transferred to the 15th Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers. He was with this battalion when he died on 11 July 1917 at No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station.¹⁴ He was buried in the Adinkerke Churchyard Extension (Grave Reference: Grave 836).¹⁵

Adinkerke Churchyard Extension is in Adinkerke, near Veurne, Belgium. It is a Belgian Military Cemetery on the west side of the churchyard less than a kilometre from the Adinkerke Military Cemetery. Commonwealth troops held the Front from the Belgian coast inland for about 70 kilometres from June to November 1917. No. 1 CCCS was at Adinkerke for a short time in June. There are 67 Commonwealth graves from the Great War in the extension cemetery.¹⁶

His mother, who was living in Godalming, Surrey, was his next of kin and was notified of his death.¹⁷ She also received the monies owing to him from the army upon his death.¹⁸

George was awarded the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) and the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre).¹⁹

It is not known if Charles' three brothers served in the Great War.

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