

Adlestrop Stories



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In 1911 Frank was living with his parents, brothers Leonard and William and sisters Ethel, Hilda and Alice at Adlestrop. His father was a cowman, and Frank was a farm labourer.

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Frank died in 15 General Hospital, Boulogne, France on 25th February 1916 and is buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.

Colton Edward Bond was a private in the 2nd Battalion Oxford & Bucks Light. He was the son of Charles and Sarah Jane Bond (Cerray). His father was born near Oxford, and his mother was born in Bledington, Gloucestershire.

In 1901 Colton was living with his parents and brothers Thomas, Charles, Alfred, Walter and George at Adlestrop. His father was an ordinary agricultural labourer.

His father died in 1909.

In 1911 Colton was living with his mother, his grandmother Hannah Bond, brothers Walter and Percy and sister Mary at Adlestrop. Colton was working as a waggoner.

During World War One Colton enlisted in the 2nd Battalion Oxford and Bucks Regiment. In August 1914, they were commanded by Henry Rodolph Davies, and arrived on the Western Front, as part of

the 5th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Division, I Corps – the 2nd Division was one of the first divisions of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) to arrive in France. The battalion took part in the first British battle of the war, at Mons, where the British defeated the German forces that they had encountered on 23rd August. In the First Battle of Ypres the 2nd Oxford and Bucks first engagement with the enemy was on 20th October in an attack on the Passchendaele ridge. In 1915 they took part in the Battle of Festubert and on 25th September they were engaged in the Battle of Loos. Here Colton was killed in action and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial.

His brother Walter also fell in France.

Francis Jesse Bull was a private in the 6th Battalion Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry. He was born in Neithrop, Oxfordshire in 1893 and was baptised on 17th April 1896 in South Banbury. He was the son of Henry and Ada Bull. His father was a labourer born in Coteford Heath, Buckinghamshire and his mother was born in Banbury, Oxfordshire.

In 1911 Francis was living with his parents, brothers John, George, William and Edward and sisters May and Winnie. His father and three of his sons, including Francis were farm labourers.

On 7th October 1916, the 6th (Service) Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry was involved in the Battle of Le Transloy, part of the Somme offensive in France. The battalion suffered significant casualties during this period, with records indicating over 30 fatalities on this day alone. This included Francis who was killed in action on 7th October 1916 and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France.

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Frederick James Turner was a private in the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment. He was born on 19th April 1886 in Adlestrop, Gloucestershire and was baptised on 27th June 1886 at Adlestrop. He was the son of Reuben Sedgley and Caroline Ann Turner (Reed). Both his parents were born in Worcestershire, and his father was a mason.

In 1911 Frederick was living with his parents, brothers Maurice, Lionel and Horace and daughter Adelaide at Adlestrop. His father was a building contractor, and Frederick was a workhouse porter.

He married Charlotte Annie Montgomerie in July 1913 in Warwick, Warwickshire

Frederick enlisted on 16th February 1917 aged thirty-one and served as Frederick James Sedgley-Turner. He embarked for France from Southampton on 11th May 1917 landing at Rouen. He was posted to the 14th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment later he was transferred to the 9th Battalion. On 19 July 1917, the 9th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment was actively involved in the Third Battle of Ypres

(Passchendaele) sector in Belgium as part of the 19th (Western) Division, having previously fought at Messines in June. The unit was preparing for upcoming, intense offensive operations in the Ypres salient, often conducting maintenance and holding positions. Frederick was killed in action on 19th July 1917 and is buried in Oostteverne Wood Cemetery, Belgium.

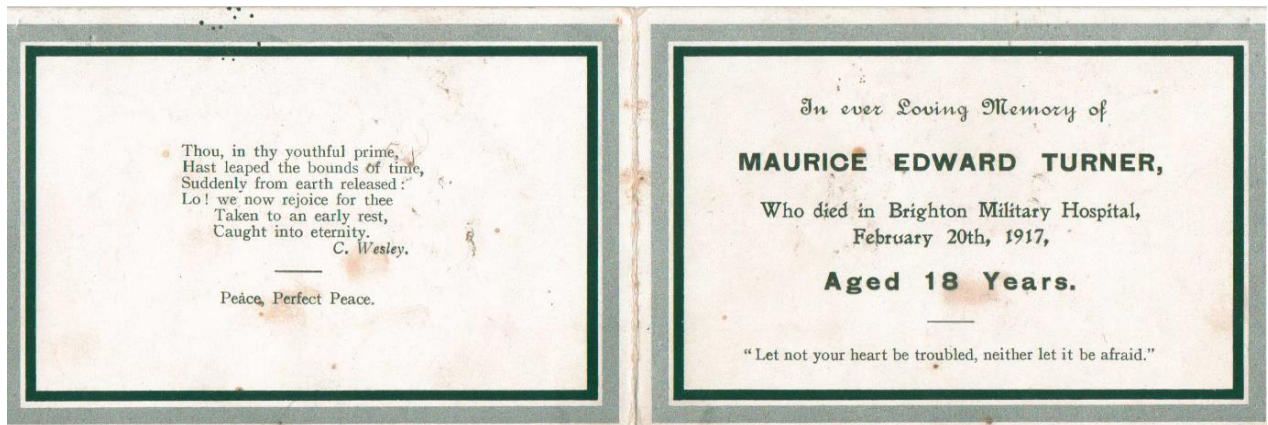
Maurice Edward Turner was a driver in the 5th Reserve Battery, Royal Field Artillery. He was born on 23rd May 1898. He was the son of Reuben Sedgley and Caroline Ann Turner (Reed). Both his parents were born in Worcestershire.

In 1911 Maurice was living with his parents, brothers Frederick, Lionel and Horace and daughter Adelaide at Adlestrop. His father was a building contractor.

During World War One Maurice enlisted in 5th Reserve Battery, Royal Field Artillery. From August 1917 to February 1918, they were one of four batteries shipped to Egypt.

Though no details exist it is clear that Maurice died at 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, Sussex on 20th February 1917 and is buried in St Mary Magdalene Churchyard, Adlestrop.

His brother of Frederick was killed in action on 19th July 1917 in France.



Walter Harold Bond was an Air Mechanic 1st Class 6th Squadron Royal Flying Corps. He was born on 8th December 1895 in Adlestrop, Gloucestershire. He was the son of Charles and Sarah Jane Bond (Cerray). His father was born near Oxford, and his mother was born in Bledington, Gloucestershire.

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His father died in 1909.

In 1911 Walter was living with his mother, grandmother Hannah Bond, his brothers Colton and Percy and sister Mary at Adlestrop. Walter was a house boy.

On 16th August 1915 Walter enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire. He was soon stationed on the Western Front. On April 2, 1917, No. 6 Squadron Royal Flying Corps (RFC) was active on the Western Front, operating from Abeelee Aerodrome in France under the 2nd Corps Wing, II Brigade. The squadron was engaged in crucial army cooperation roles, including photography, artillery spotting, and reconnaissance, using the BE2c aircraft (often viewed as obsolete by 1917) during the buildup to the Battle of Arras. Walter died in No 8 Stationary Hospital, France on 2nd April 1917 and is buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France.

His brother Colton also fell in France during the Battle of Loos.