

L/14402 Driver Alfred Holt 37th Ammunition Column attached to the Royal Field Artillery killed in action August 30th 1918 aged 21.

He was born in Barking Essex on July 28th 1898 but on his attestation form he dated his birth as July 28th 1896 so in fact he was under age and was merely following his older brother into the Army to fight. Alfred was the 2nd of 5 boys and had 3 sisters one of whom was my mother Florence who passed away in August 1992. In one of life's ironies my mother was born on September the 5th 1918 so you may comprehend the mixed emotions that my late Grandparents suffered. In fact my Nana who I adored when younger wrote to the Army trying to get Alfred released because of his age. Regretfully they declined her request and I still have the letter to this day. My parents married on August 29th 1942 and Mum wanted to marry on the 30th but being a Sunday her church refused! She carried an affinity with Alfred to her dying days and I was so pleased to find his grave when I did. Please look after his grave for my family-Thank you sincerely.



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