

ALMOND JOHN BRATT

**Sergeant
235795**

**7th Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment
attached 7th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry
died on
Saturday 29th September 1917
aged 26**

ALMOND JOHN BRATT
is commemorated on the
TYNE COT MEMORIAL
Belgium

*Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*

Son of Thomas William and Margaret Bratt, of Lyttelton, Colwall Green, Colwall, Malvern

The Tyne Cot Memorial is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. The battles of the Ypres Salient claimed many lives on both sides and it quickly became clear that the commemoration of members of the Commonwealth forces with no known grave would have to be divided between several different sites. The site of the Menin Gate was chosen because of the hundreds of thousands of men who passed through it on their way to the battlefields. It commemorates those who died in the Salient, before 16 August 1917. Those United Kingdom and New Zealand servicemen that date are named on the memorial at Tyne Cot, a site which marks the furthest point reached by Commonwealth forces in Belgium until nearly the end of the war. The Tyne Cot Memorial now bears the names of almost 35,000 officers and men whose graves are not known. The memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which was established around a captured German blockhouse or pill-box used as an advanced dressing station.

John Bratt is commemorated on Panel 154.



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& Herefordshire Advertiser**
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DISTRICT NEWS

**COLWALL
FALLEN IN ACTION**

The sad news arrived from France this week that Sergeant A J Bratt third son of Mr and Mrs T Bratt, Lyttelton, Colwall Green had paid the supreme sacrifice. Before joining the Herefordshire Regiment he was employed at Linden as a gardener. He was a former pupil of Colwall Boys' School. He will be much missed at the Wesleyan Chapel of which he was a faithful member. The greatest sympathy is felt for his bereaved parents and brothers and sisters. He has two brothers in the Army.

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COLWALL NEWS

Official notification has been received by the parents of Sergeant J Bratt that he was killed in France. Sergeant J Bratt before joining the Colours was employed at the Lindens Colwall. He was stationed at Hereford on joining, and before going out with the draft of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry was presented by the officers and men with a wrist watch as a mark of esteem and respect. He was very popular with all and went out to France in March last. Much sympathy is felt with his parents who have three sons serving with the Colours.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BRATT	Hereford R.	Sgt	235795
Almond J.			
Medal.	Bell.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	1/106 B	374	
BRITISH	Do	Do	
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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Almond John Bratt was born in Colwall in 1891 and he was eighth of the twelve children of Thomas William and Margaret Bratt. His father was a labourer, but by 1911 the family were living at Lyttelton, Colwall Green and Thomas was a cowman on a farm; Almond John was recorded as "Jack" and was a domestic gardener. He enlisted in Hereford and joined the Herefordshire Regiment. At the time of his death he was attached to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. Two other men from Colwall are commemorated there - Ernest Suter and Victor Williams; Robert Washington is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery.