

ERIC PERCIVAL ST GEORGE CARTWRIGHT

Second Lieutenant

**4th Battalion, Leinster Regiment
attached 46th Company Machine Gun Corps.
died on
Sunday 13th August 1916
aged 19**

ERIC PERCIVAL St GEORGE CARTWRIGHT
is buried in
BECOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, BECORDEL-BECOURT
France

*Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*
Son of Arthur and Ellen Mabel Cartwright, of Rothbury, Cusop, Hay, Hereford.

The Military Cemetery was begun in August, 1915, by the 51st (Highland) Division, and carried on by other Divisions in the line until the Battles of the Somme, 1916. It continued in use, chiefly by Field Ambulances, until April, 1917. There are now 713 casualties of the 1914-1918 war commemorated in this site. Eric Cartwright is buried in Plot 1. Row V. Grave 12.



**Ledbury Reporter
& Farmer's Gazette
Saturday 28th August 1916**

**COLWALL NEWS
Killed**

News has been received in Colwall of the death of Lieutenant E Cartwright killed in action. He is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Cartwright who formerly lived at The Knoll, Colwall.

**MALVERN NEWS
Saturday 2nd September 1916**

The death in action is reported of Lieutenant E P St G Cartwright, Leinster Regiment. He was attached to the Machine Gun Corps. He is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Cartwright who formerly lived at The Knoll, Colwall. A brother officer wrote: "He directed the fire of the gun in the most splendid manner in the attack on the night of the 12th and did great work. No-one in the particular part of the line worked harder that night through the attack and many a man had his wounds bandaged by Eric. He was hit by a sniper as it was beginning to get light and died instantaneously. He was buried the following day and the ceremony was attended by the whole Company."

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
CARTWRIGHT	M.G.C	2/Lieut	
Eric Percival St George	4th Leinst R.		
Medal	Batt.	Page	Remarks
VICTORY BRITISH	R. & OFF/104	117	Died 12/8/16 NW/1208 d/10/10/22 NW/5/21983.
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	9.2.16		
			NW/5/21983 K. 1380

Eric Percival St George Cartwright was born in Market Harborough in 1896, the youngest son of Arthur and Ellen Mabel Cartwright. At the age of four he was boarding with his brothers and sisters at a hotel in Barmouth. His father was HM Inspector of Schools for the Worcester District and the family moved to The Knoll, Colwall. Eric was educated Bilton Grange, Rugby and Charterhouse where he was in the Officer Training Corps. Soon after the outbreak of the war he was commissioned into the 4th Leinster Regiment based at Cork. He was seconded to the Machine Gun Corps and went to the front in January 1916. He was killed during the Battle of the Somme at Martinpuch. He is buried in Becourt-Becordel and he is commemorated on the Malvern Library Memorial and the Hay on Wye and Cusop Memorials.