



EDGAR ARTHUR GEORGE GITTENS

**Private
12923**

**12th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)
died on
Friday 13th April 1917
aged 22**

EDGAR ARTHUR GEORGE GITTENS
is commemorated on the
ARRAS MEMORIAL
France

*Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*

Son of Arthur and Emma S. A. Gittens, of Stone House, Nunnington, Hereford.

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery in Arras. The Memorial commemorates 35,928 war casualties of the British, New Zealand, and South African Forces of the Third Army who died on the Arras front between Spring 1916 to August 7th 1918 and have no known grave. The design by Sir Edward Lutyens is built up on Doric columns and the names of the casualties are carved on stone panels on the cloister walls.

Edgar Gittens is commemorated on Bay 4.



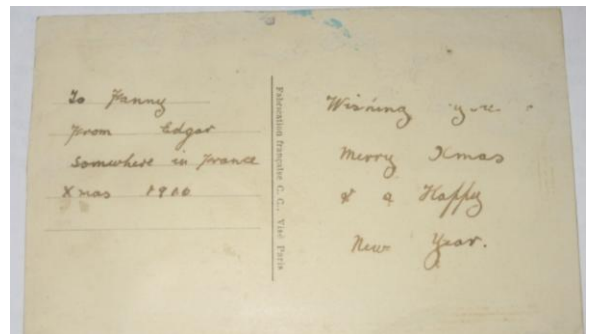
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Ledbury War Items

Mr and Mrs A Gittens, Frith Cottages, have received official notification of the death in action on 19th inst, of their eldest son Private Edgar Gittens of the West Yorkshire Regiment. He was 22 years of age. He enlisted on the outbreak of war and proceeded to France in September 1915, where he went through some of the most severe fighting.



Private Edgar Gittens



Embroidered card sent by Edgar Gittens to his sister Fanny for Christmas 1916

Edgar Arthur George Gittens, the eldest son of Arthur and Emma Gittens was born in Colwall in 1895. By 1911 his parents were living at 2 Frith Cottages, Ledbury, and Edgar was working as a houseboy to Mary Ellen Curtis at Landsdowne Crescent in Worcester. Edgar joined the West Yorkshire Regiment and was killed in the Battle of Arras in 1917. His name is recorded with others on Arras Memorial to the Missing. Frederick Handy, Frederick James and John Lett of Colwall are also commemorated there.

Thanks go to Mr John Gittens (Edgar's nephew) for lending the photograph and Christmas card