

ARTHUR VINCENT HOLMAN

Captain

1st/1st Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment

died on

Sunday 9th January 1917

aged 40

ARTHUR VINCENT HOLMAN
is buried in
ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD, PRESTBURY
Gloucestershire





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DEATH OF CAPT A V HOLMAN

Ledbury and Colwall Officer's fatal return from the front

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of Capt Arthur Vincent Holman 1st Herefordshire Regiment. He had only recently been invalided home suffering from severe strain which was affected by the heat and was sustained while serving with the regiment in Egypt. Unfortunately pneumonia supervened and he passed away at the age of 39. The news of his demise, which took place at the residence of his uncle in Cheltenham on Tuesday, will be sincerely regretted by officers and men of his battalion. He was a popular officer and one who took soldiering seriously. He was highly respected by the men of his company in particular. Captain Holman was better known in the Colwall and Ledbury districts as his home being at The Stone Colwall and his Territorial duties engaging him with the Ledbury Company. He had seen a number of years serving with the Territorials and Volunteers, and was with the 1st Battalion of the Herefords on the East Coast after mobilisation. He proceeded with it to Gallipoli and was one of the few officers to escape injury. After the evacuation of the Peninsula, he moved with the Regiment to Egypt where he remained until his breakdown.

Captain Holman was of splendid physique and subsequent to the Boer War had professional interests at Colwall in connection with an estate and land agency. He leaves a widow and a daughter, with whom much sympathy will be felt, to mourn his untimely demise.

Arthur Vincent Holman was born in Cheltenham in 1877, one of the five children of George and Amy Holman. George was a farmer and race horse trainer as well as winning five Grand Annual races at Cheltenham. Arthur Vincent was a volunteer with the active service company of the old Cheltenham Rifles and volunteered to serve with the 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment in South Africa during the Second Boer War. He married Elsie Wilkins in 1908 and their daughter Joan was born in 1910. By then Arthur was an agent for Barton Court estate and living in Colwall Green. Whilst in Colwall he served in C Company of the Territorials in Ledbury. He enlisted into the Herefordshire Regiment and served with the 1st Battalion in Gallipoli and Egypt. He died of pneumonia and is buried in Prestbury Gloucestershire. His civilian grave was in a run down state by October 2004 and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has now erected a war pattern headstone.