

ALBERT LOCK

**Private
48954**

**2nd Battalion, South Wales Borderers
died on
Monday 16th July 1918**

**ALBERT LOCK
is buried in
BORRE BRITISH CEMETERY
France**

The cemetery was used from May to September 1918 by field ambulances and fighting Units, particularly those of the 1st Australian Division, during the interval between the German and Allied offensives of that year. The cemetery now contains 367 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Albert Lock is buried in Row II. Row D. Grave 9.



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& Herefordshire Advertiser
Saturday 1st August 1918**

***District Intelligence*
COLWALL
BRAVE GYPSY SOLDIER**

The Lock family are well known in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Some of its members have for many years done much needed work in the Grovesend plantation belonging to Mr Stephen Ballard. When the time came for Mr Albert Lock, one of the juniors, to enlist, he joined the South Wales Borderers. He was tall and supple in limb and a handy young man and of a cheerful disposition and intelligence. The intelligence of his being killed in France is received with general regret. He was especially remembered at the parish church on Sunday after the Third Collect and before the singing of The Supreme Sacrifice, the Rector read two letters from the Commanding Officer. The mother, relatives and friends of the family occupied seats in the middle of the church.

| Name. | | Corps. | Rank. | Regtl. No. |
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| LOCK. | | S. Wales Bord | Pte | 48954. |
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| Medal. | Roll. | Page. | Remarks. | |
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It has been difficult to discover more about Albert Lock apart from the newspaper article. A girl Mary the daughter of Arthur and Louisa Lock was baptised in Colwall in 1888 and her parents are described as "gypsies". A Louisa and Arthur Lock were living in a tent on Hartlebury Common at the time of the 1881 census. Research so far has not found other recorded evidence of this large community, although there are websites and forums recording Romany clans of this name. When Albert was enlisted in Hereford it was recorded that he was born in Mayland, Colwall. He joined the 2nd Battalion of the South Wales Borderers and it is recorded that he died of wounds and is buried in Borre British Cemetery.