

# ALBERT EDWARD OLIVER

**Sapper  
120838**

**87th Field Company, Royal Engineers  
died on  
Thursday 26th October 1916  
aged 25**

ALBERT EDWARD OLIVER  
is buried in  
GROVE TOWN CEMETERY, MEAULTE  
France

*. Additional information in the  
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*

Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Oliver, of 828, Stratford Rd., Springfield, Birmingham.

In September 1916, the 34th and 2/2nd London Casualty Clearing Stations were established at this point, known to the troops as Grove Town, to deal with casualties from the Somme battlefields. Grove Town Cemetery contains 1,395 First World War burials.

Albert Edward Oliver is buried in Plot II. Row B. Grave 33.

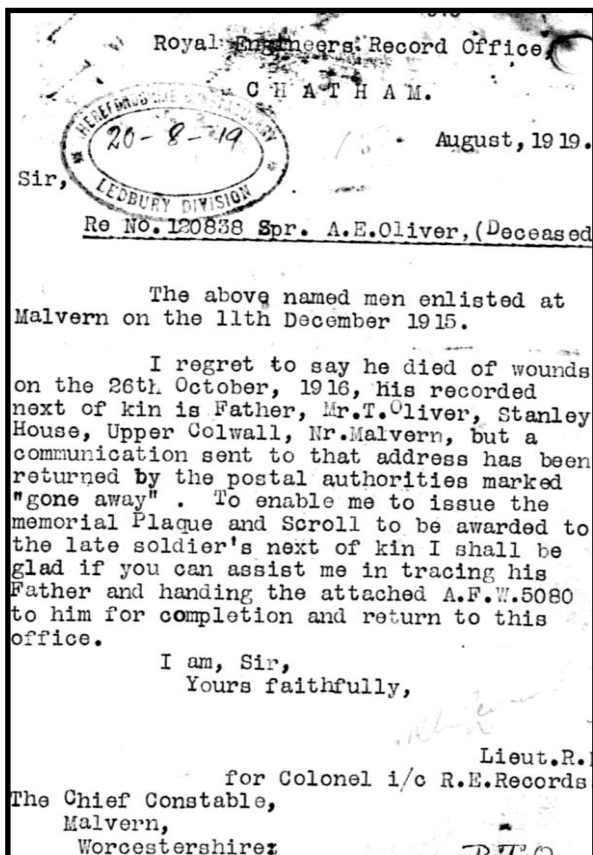


Ledbury Guardian  
& Malvern Gazette

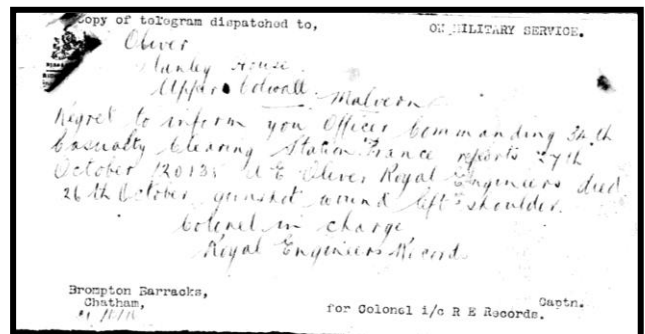
Saturday 28th October 1916

COLWALL NEWS  
SAPPER A E OLIVER FALLEN IN ACTION

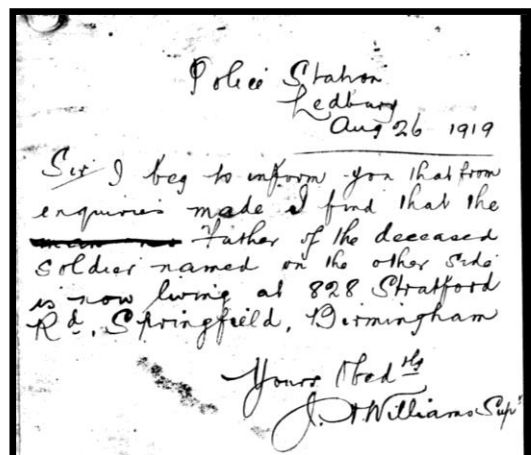
Mr T Oliver, joiner, Stanley House, Upper Colwall who belongs to an old Colwall family has received a letter from the Sister-in-Charge of Hospital 67 Field Corps BEF stating that Sapper Albert Edward Oliver had died in their hospital. He was very badly wounded in the chest and left shoulder and died a few minutes after being admitted, quite unconscious and never speaking. He was buried in the military cemetery near them which will be marked later with a cross. The Sister-in-Charge expressed the greatest sympathy with the bereaved relatives. Sapper Oliver received a fatal gunshot wound and died on October 26th. Before joining the Colours he was employed as a joiner by Mr T Broad, builder and contractor of Malvern. Mr Oliver's three sons all joined the Army. One of the surviving sons is at present with the A.S.C. in France and the other one is with the 1st Herefords in Egypt.



Letter to the Chief Constable, Malvern requesting the police to locate Albert's next of kin



Copy of the telegram sent to Thomas Oliver



The reply from the Superintendent in Ledbury

Albert Edward Oliver was born in Colwall in 1891 and he was baptised in Colwall on September 18th 1891. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Ann Oliver, one of eight children. Thomas was a carpenter and the family lived variously in Colwall and Malvern Wells. In 1911 the family were living in Stanley House Upper Colwall, and Thomas was a builder employer. Albert was a domestic gardener at this time, but by the time he attested in Malvern in December 1915, his occupation was recorded as carpenter. Albert Oliver has the most complete existing service record of all the Colwall soldiers. He joined the Royal Engineers and was a "skilled joiner". He died in hospital from wounds received in action. His records list all the belongings returned to his parents, and as his parents had moved from Colwall before his medals, Memorial Plaque and Scroll could be issued, the records contain the correspondence in trying to locate their whereabouts.