

# ALBERT WILLIAM ROBBINS

Rifleman  
R/17554

**2nd Battalion, Kings Royal Rifles**  
**died on**  
**Sunday 20th August 1916**  
**aged 23**

ALBERT WILLIAM ROBBINS  
is buried in  
SERRE ROAD CEMETERY No.2  
France

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

Son of Henry and Mary Ann Robbins, of Chances Pitch, Colwall, Malvern.

On 1 July 1916, the 31st and 4th Divisions attacked north and south of the Serre Road and although parties of the 31st Division reached Serre, the attack failed. Early in 1917, the Germans fell back to the Hindenburg Line and on 25 February, Serre was occupied by the 22nd Manchesters. In the spring of 1917, the battlefields of the Somme and Ancre were cleared by V Corps and a number of new cemeteries were made, three of which are now named from the Serre Road. Serre Road Cemetery No.2 was begun in May 1917 and by the end of the war it contained approximately 475 graves but it was greatly enlarged after the Armistice by the addition of further graves from the surrounding area. There are now 7,127 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery, mostly dating from 1916. Of these, 4,944 are unidentified.

Albert William Robbins is buried in Plot XII. Row A. Grave 5.



**Ledbury Reporter  
& Farmer's Gazette**  
Saturday 2nd September 1916  
**COLWALL MAN KILLED**

Mr and Mrs Robbins of Chances Pitch have received a letter from a friend at the front in which he states that their son Private Albert Robbins of the King's Royal Rifles, who is their only son, was killed last week.

**Ledbury Guardian  
& Herefordshire Advertiser**  
Saturday 9th September 1916

**A COLWALL HERO**

Information has reached Mr and Mrs Robbins, Chance's Pitch, Colwall that their son Rifleman Albert W Robbins, King's Royal Rifles has been killed in France. He was 22 years of age. A comrade of Rifleman Robbins in a letter says "He died fighting and you will be glad to know he suffered no pain. All his mates are very sorry as he was such a nice lad."



Albert Robbins is remembered in  
Colwall Churchyard

Name	DOB	Age	Regt. No.
ROBBINS	K R Rfc	22	R/17544
Albert W			
Serial	Regt.	Page	Remarks
M/1010/26	5338		
BRITISH			
WAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry theatre			

Albert William Robbins was born in Colwall in 1894, the only child of Henry and Mary Ann Robbins. Henry Robbins was a platelayer on the Great Western Railway. The family lived in Chances Pitch Colwall. In 1911 at 17 Albert was a groom. He enlisted in Malvern and joined the King's Royal Rifles. He was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme and is buried in Serre Road No 2 Cemetery.