

ERNEST ALFRED WHATMORE

Private
4157

**2nd Battalion Royal Scots
attached 24th Battalion Royal Scots
died on
Tuesday 8th April 1917
aged 46**

ERNEST WALTER MARTIN
is buried in
ST. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN
France

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

Son of James and Emma Whatmore, of Colwall, Herefordshire;
husband of Susan Jane Whatmore, of 3, Fossil Bank, Upper Colwall, Malvern.

During the First World War, Commonwealth camps and hospitals were stationed on the southern outskirts of Rouen. A base supply depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were also established in the city. Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general hospitals, five stationary hospitals, one British Red Cross hospital, one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever. In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension, where the last burial took place in April 1920. The cemetery extension contains 8,346 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Ernest Whatmore is buried in Plot O VIII. Row C. Grave 11.



**Ledbury Reporter
& Farmer's Gazette
Saturday 30th January 1915**

COLWALL MAN FROSTBITTEN

Private Ernest Whatmore of Fossil Bank, Upper Colwall who has been fighting at the front with D Company of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Scots is now lying in the General Hospital at Rouen, suffering from frostbitten feet contracted in the trenches.

**Ledbury Reporter
& Farmer's Gazette
Saturday 14th April 1917**

COLWALL NEWS

The friends of Private Ernest Whatmore of the Royal Scots received a few days ago, the news that he has met with an accident, by falling from a transport wagon some where in France and there is little hope of his recovery. Mrs Phillip Powell, sister, of The Knoll Farm, Colwall received the report of his death on Tuesday last.

**Ledbury Guardian
& Herefordshire Advertiser
Saturday 12th May 1917**

OFFICIAL CASUALTIES

In the official list of casualties on Monday morning Private E Whatmore 4157 Royal Scots of Colwall is reported to have died. He was the husband of Mrs Whatmore of 3 Fossil Bank Upper Colwall who served unscathed through the South African War. In the present war he was twice "gassed" and twice blown up. He died in Rouen hospital on Easter Sunday from the effects of a fall and of bronchitis.

Campaign		1914		(A) Where decoration was earned	
				(B) Present situation	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	
(A) WHATMORE	R. Scots	Private	4157	MEDAL	POLL
(B) Ernest				VICTORY	PAGE
				BRITISH	
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Action taken				Died	
QUALIFYING DATE. 62-11-14					
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Ernest Albert Whatmore was born in Colwall in 1870 the son of James and Emma Whatmore. He was baptised in Colwall on July 10th 1870. James was a bricklayer. Ernest married Susan Jane Cooper in Colwall in 1897 and he served with the 2nd King's Shropshire Light Infantry during the South African Campaign. His wife Susan Jane was living in 3 Fossil Bank at the time of the 1901 census and declared she was "the wife of a Volunteer now serving in South Africa." Ernest was discharged from the Army and returned to Colwall and was employed as a builder's labourer. He re-enlisted in Malvern in 1914 and joined the Royal Scots. He suffered from frostbite in 1915 and spent time in hospital and was later gassed. He died in hospital in Rouen in April 1917 from bronchitis and the effects of a fall from a transport wagon. He is buried in St Sever Cemetery extension. Christopher Hitchings of Colwall is also buried there.