

Albert James Adamthwaite (2 October 1890- 6 June 1915)

Albert was the son of Marriner and Mary Adamthwaite (nee Rutt) who married on 30 May 1887. Albert's father's occupation was milkman in both the 1891 and 1901 Censuses. Marriner was born in the Paddington area of London. Albert's mother Mary was born in Pewsey in Wiltshire. Marriner and Mary had just 2 children, both born in Paddington, London. They were Albert and his older brother, George Henry who was born in October 1887. Albert's father died in 1907 leaving Mary a widow. At that time George was 20 and Albert 17.



A few years later in 1910, Albert's brother George emigrated to Canada and worked on the Canadian Railways. In 1911 Mary and her son Albert were living together at 144 Fernhead Road, Paddington. Albert, then aged 18, was working as Motor Tyre Examiner. Brother George returned to the UK temporarily in 1913 to marry Annie Croxon on 26 April in Kensal Green. However in June 1913, Albert went to Canada to join his brother George. While in Canada he worked as a printer. The Middlesex Chronicle 14 October 1914 describes Albert as being from Syon Lane, Isleworth but having gone to Canada 18 months earlier under the headline "More Isleworth Warriors".

At the start of World War 1, Albert enlisted on 19 September 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec giving his brother George, living in Strathclair, Manitoba, as his next of kin. He joined the 5th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment). He returned to Europe and served as a Lance Corporal.

The latter half of May 1915 saw the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Canadian Brigades participating in the Battle of Festubert, near Giverney in France. The Albert's 5th Battalion was part of the 2nd Canadian Brigade. During the Battle the Canadians assaulted the German lines on 5 separate days resulting in a 600 yards advance along a mile of the Front. Not only were their gains far less than hoped for, but they were only achieved at the cost of nearly 2500 Canadian casualties. In early June the new Front Line was being maintained and preparations were being made in the Giverney area for another offensive by allied troops, including the Canadian Brigades. It was at this time, while on support duties at Giverney on 6 June that Albert was wounded. He was taken to the No 10 Stationary Hospital at St Omer where he died. He was aged 24. He is commemorated at Longennesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. He is also remembered on the memorial at All Saints Church, Isleworth.

1. NO.	1. RANK OR RATING	1. SURNAME	1. CHRISTIAN NAMES
13408	Lance Corporal	ADAMTHWAITE	Albert James
2. UNIT OR SHIP	2. DATE OF CASUALTY	2. H.Q. FILE NO.	2. REGIMENT
5th Battalion	6-6-15	649-A-220	Church of England.
3. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		3. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
Died of Wounds at No.10 Stationary Hospital, St.Omer.			
4. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
In support at GIVERNEY.			
<small>NOTE—Items 10, 11 and 12 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.</small>			
4. CEMETERY	4. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	4. GRAVE LOCATION	4. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Longennesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery.	France. COMMUNE. LONGENNESSE.	Grave 149 Plot 1 Row "A"	

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