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HARRY BURFORD

Army Number 27660

Private, 17th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers

Died of wounds in France on 20 April 1918, aged 25

Address: Eastwood Cottage, Leckhampton (not located)

He is buried in Doullens Cemetery Extension No 1, Plot VI, Row C, Grave 47. He is commemorated on the Leckhampton and Cheltenham War Memorials and also at St Paul's Church, Cheltenham.

Harry Burford was born in Cheltenham, the son of Charles and Harriett Burford, later of the above address. He joined the Army at Barnsley, in Yorkshire, giving a home address in Cheltenham. He was originally given Army No 22371 King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry but was later transferred to the Lancashire Fusileers.

His battalion had been engaged in the battle of Bapaume during the German spring offensive of 1918, and Harry Burford was taken to a Canadian Stationary Hospital at Doullens, where he died. (This probably explains why on the memorial at St Paul's Church he is incorrectly stated to have died serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.)

Doullens Cemetery, between Amiens and Arras, where Harry Burford is buried

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