



ALBERT OSCAR PRITCHETT

Army Number 16990

Corporal, 10th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment

Killed in action in Belgium, on 8 July 1917, aged 24

Address: St Hilda, 3 Church Road

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial and on the Leckhampton and Cheltenham War Memorials.

Photo from *Leaving All that was Dear* by J Devereux and G Sacker

Albert Pritchett was born in Bristol, the eldest son of Oscar and Annie Pritchett, later of Leckhampton. He signed up in the Worcestershire Regiment at Bristol, giving the Leckhampton address, and went to serve as a machine-gunner with his unit in France and Flanders. In July 1917 the regiment was in the front line in the region of Ypres. On the night of 6-7 July it was attacking enemy trenches but was driven back by heavy fire from machine-guns and a hail of bombs and the following day it was withdrawn. It was during these actions that Corporal Pritchett was killed.

The Menin Gate Memorial, on which are carved the names of the 54,389 missing officers and men of the British and Commonwealth Forces who died while defending Ypres and whose bodies were never recovered.

Photo – Commonwealth War Graves Commission

