

**In Memory of
Private ALBERT ERNEST KING
203187, 1st/4th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who died, age 20, on 22 September 1918
Son of Albert King, of Great Coxwell, Faringdon.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon and Little Coxwell War Memorials and
ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD LITTLE COXWELL**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Albert joined the Berkshire Yeomanry in January 1915 and was transferred to the 1st/4th Royal Berkshire Regiment Transport Section where he served in France until he was wounded in November 1916.

On his recovery, he was sent to Italy in November 1917. In May 1918 he was severely wounded in the face and hands by the accidental explosion of a bomb. Following treatment in an Italian hospital he was sent home, arriving on Friday, 6 September where he appeared to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery. He was suffering discomfort from a piece of shrapnel in his face and went to the Fulham Military Hospital to have it removed. Although the operation on Friday 20 September was successful he suffered a post-operative haemorrhage and died on the following Sunday.

His funeral, scheduled for 28 September, had to be postponed because of 'railway disorganisation'.

Albert Ernest King was born in 1897 at Little Coxwell; he attended Little Coxwell school and after leaving school probably assisted his father in the family butchery business.

Bert served with the Royal Berkshire Regiment although initially he had enlisted with the Berkshire Yeomanry. Bert is buried in the graveyard of St. Mary's Church at Little Coxwell.

Ann Preston. Faringdon Folly November 2018