

**In Memory of  
Private GEORGE EDWARD RUSS  
3/9699, 2nd Bn., Wiltshire Regiment  
of Little Coxwell who died, age 22, on 31 August 1915  
Son of Charles and Annie Russ,  
of 8, Regent Place, Swindon, Wilts.  
Remembered with honour  
Faringdon and Little Coxwell War Memorials and  
NIEDERZWEHREN CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Died of wounds as a Prisoner of War.

In the Faringdon Advertiser of 12 February 1921 on the dedication and unveiling of the Faringdon War Memorial among the cards attached to the memorial was one reading:

‘From a loving Mother, Brother and Sisters, Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-law, in fond and loving memory of a dear son and brother who was brutally murdered by the guards at a Gottengen prison camp, Germany, Pte. G.E. Russ, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wiltshire Regiment. “Gone but not forgotten.”’

George was born in Wroughton in 1893, the younger brother of Frank, born 1886 to Charles and Annie Russ. In 1891 they were living in Buckland, but by the time of George’s death they were living in Regent Place, Swindon. George joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Duke of Edinburgh’s Regiment, transferring to the Wiltshire Regiment.

George Edward Russ was born in 1893 at Wroughton, Wiltshire. By the time George was 7 years old, his family had moved to Buckland, where his father was employed on a farm.

At 18 years old, George was working as a groom at Challow. By 1914 when George enlists in the Wiltshire Regiment he and probably his parents have settled at Little Coxwell.

George died on the 31st August 1915 whilst a prisoner of war at Gottengen Camp; aged 22 years.

He was initially buried at Oberhone Cemetery but reburied at Niedierzwehren Cemetery in 1924 (both cemeteries in Germany); his headstone also bears the inscription: never forgotten.

At the dedication of the War Memorial in Faringdon in February 1921, the card on a floral tribute placed by his family read: From a loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters, Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-law, in fond and loving memory of a dear son and brother who was brutally murdered by the guards at Gottengen prison camp, Germany, Gone but not forgotten.

N.B. Russ Way, part of the Folly View Estate, commemorates this hero.