Albert Henry James North

Private, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.). Enlisted November 20th, 1916. Served in England. Died of enteric and pneumonia at Aldershot, November 20th, 1917.

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ALBERT NORTH WAS born in Corsham in 1890; his father George was a quarryman and his mother, Elizabeth (née Elms) came from a Corsham family. George and Elizabeth already had four daughters, Annie, Rose, Emily and Louise, before Albert was born, and they later had another daughter Florence and a son George. The family lived on Priory Road (later Priory Street).



Albert North's headstone in Newmarket, Suffolk. His wife Caroline was buried with him 66 years later.

In 1911 Albert, aged 21, and his brother George were both freestone quarrymen – Albert was a picker and sawyer.

Albert had moved away from Corsham by 1916 when he married Caroline Coe in Newmarket, and later that year he enlisted for the Army and served in England in the Royal Army Service Corps. Albert and Caroline had a son, Walter, in February 1917, but unfortunately he never knew his father as Albert died aged 28 on 20th November 1917. He had pneumonia and died in Aldershot Military Hospital. He is buried in Newmarket Town Cemetery in Suffolk. His wife Caroline died in 1983, aged 92, and shares the same grave.

Albert's brother George also served in World War I – he served in the Devonshire Regiment and survived the war.