



SERGEANT WILLIAM FUTCHER

SERVICE NO. 1635
1ST (ROYAL) DRAGOONS

DATE OF DEATH 12 January 1916 (aged 27)

BATTLE Battle of Loos

REGIMENT 1st (Royal) Dragoons

DEATH Killed in action

FAMILY DETAILS William, the third child of Cantilo Fred and Louisa, nee Sawkins, Futcher, was born in Woodmancott, Hampshire on 18 April 1888⁶³. From the 1911 census we learn that Sydney, mostly known as William, had eleven surviving brothers and sisters. His father was a labourer working on a steamroller and the family lived in Up Street, North Warnborough⁶⁴. From March 1895, until reaching the school leaving age, William was a pupil at London Road Board School⁶⁵. Some time after leaving this school William followed in his father's footsteps and then joined the Army. In December 1915 William was granted home leave over the Christmas period so that he could marry his fiancée, Lydia Crisp.

MEMORIAL Loos Memorial

MEDALS 1914 Star
British War Medal
Victory Medal

⁶³ Date of birth source – London Road Board School admission register and 1901 census, Odiham, Class: RG13; Piece: 1102; Folio: 42; Page:1

⁶⁴ 1911 census, Odiham, ref: RG14PN6246 RG78PN296 RD109 SD1 ED12 SN93

⁶⁵ London Road Board School Admission Register