

# ALBERT ERNEST COLLINS

Private TF/202288, 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion (1<sup>st</sup> Football) Middlesex Regiment

Missing, presumed dead 28<sup>th</sup> April 1917, Oppy Wood, Arras

Born 31 Aug 1881, he was the second oldest of 4 children of Charles Frederick COLLINS and Emma Ann COLLINS, nee Fry, formerly Parlett (by whom she had had 2 children). He was baptised 1 Jan 1882 at Pirbright, the family were living at Stanford House, and the father's occupation was a Labourer.



1891 Census the family are living at Stanford House, father a Farmer. He started Pirbright School on 6 Sep 1886, address given as Stanford.

21 Mar 1894 he was confirmed.

6 Aug 1894 Albert left school.

1901 Census the family are still living at Stanford House, father a Farm Labourer. Albert and his brother Frederick are Bricklayer's Labourers.

December 1909 Albert's father Charles Frederick died, age 66. He was buried at Pirbright on 30 Dec 1909.

21 Mar 1916 Albert enlisted at Hornsey in the 7<sup>th</sup> (Reserve) Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. He was described as 34 years old, 5ft 7in tall, chest 37½ ins, light brown hair, blue eyes and fresh complexion. His address is given as 2 Stamford House, Pirbright and his next of kin is his mother.

13 Feb 1917 went to France.

2 Mar 1917 transferred to the 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment.

28 Apr 1917 posted missing, presumed killed. On Arras Memorial Bay 7.