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ERNEST ARTHUR LARNER



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Army Number 9513

Corporal, 1st York & Lancaster Regiment

Killed in action in Belgium on 17 April 1915, aged 22

Address: Tarradale, Old Bath Road, Leckhampton

He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Menin Gate and he is named on the Leckhampton and Cheltenham War Memorials.

Corporal Ernest Lerner was born in Cheltenham, the eldest son of Ernest and Kate Lerner of the above address. He was a regular soldier before the war and one of three brothers serving in the army at that time.

He had been a teacher at the Royal Artillery School at Hyderabad in India and when war was declared he was about to undergo officer training. In March 1915 he rejoined the York and Lancs and during a relief operation in the trenches at Zonnebeke on the night of 16/17 April he was one of two men reported killed. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial. On the Leckhampton Memorial he is listed as having died at Aix-sur-Lys.

The Menin Gate Memorial, on which are carved the names of the 54,389 missing officers and men of the British and Commonwealth Forces who died while defending Ypres and whose bodies were never recovered.

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