



WILLIAM HOLLIS
1887 -
Service No: 37635

William Hollis was born in Fewcott in 1887. He was the 3rd son of John and Elizabeth Hollis. In 1911 he was living at Troy Field Barn with his parents and three of his brothers (see also Frederick Hollis).

He had joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps, Northampton Regiment in 1907, as a regular in the army and in the 1911 census, aged 24, he was a rifleman returning home from India with his regiment.

He had received the Indian Durbar Coronation medal.



His service records are quite badly damaged but nevertheless give quite a good picture of his time in the army before and during the war.

His regiment landed in France in Dec 21st 1914. In February 1915 he was admitted to hospital in Rouen with frostbite.

Later that year he was promoted to Lance Corporal and eventually transferred to the 3rd Hampshire Regiment on Dec 21st 1917. He received the Military Medal in 1918, and bar added to it in 1919.



He was finally discharged, aged 32, on 10th Jan 1919 as a Corporal/Acting Sergeant. His address had been given as 5, North Bar, Banbury, but on his medal records, he is recorded as resident at Somerton.

He married Emily Pettifer in Banbury in 1919.

The following 'employment sheet' in his military records describes him as: "...employed as groom and odd man by Mr Godwyn, Troy Field Farm, Somerton, Oxfordshire for twelve months and would get a character (*reference*) from his bailiff. He has always done his duty well & is thoroughly reliable & hard working. I would confidently recommend him for employment & am sure he would give satisfaction. Has a 3rd Class certificate of education."

We have no record of when or where he died.