



ALFRED EDWARD BOWKETT

Private
1853

1st/1st Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment
died on
Wednesday 23rd October 1915
aged 18

ALFRED EDWARD BOWKETT
is buried in
HILL 10 CEMETERY
Turkey

The eight month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea. The Allies landed on the peninsula on 25-26 April 1915; on 6 August, further troops were put ashore at Suvla, and the climax of the campaign came in early August when simultaneous assaults were launched on all three fronts. The aim of the Suvla force had been to quickly secure the sparsely held high ground surrounding the bay and salt lake, but confused landings and indecision caused fatal delays allowing the Turks to reinforce and only a few of the objectives were taken with difficulty. Hill 10, a low isolated mound to the north of the salt lake, was taken on the early morning of 7 August 1915. The cemetery was made after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from isolated sites and Dressing Stations. There are now 699 servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. Alfred Bowkett is buried in Plot III. Row B. Grave 9.



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COLLWALL

Pte A Bowkett, 1st Herefordshires, nephew of Mr James Bowkett of Stretton Grandison died at the Dardenelles as the result of a chill. Prior to the war he was employed by Mr W W Ash, baker of Colwall.

Name.	Corps.	Rank	Regtl. No.
<i>BOWKETT, Alfred.</i>	<i>Hereford R</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>1853</i>
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	<i>2/106 B</i>	<i>35</i>	
BRITISH	<i>do do</i>		
<i>15</i> STAR	<i>2/114 B</i>	<i>28</i>	
Theatre of War first served in	<i>(2B)</i>		
Date of entry theatre	<i>9-8-15</i>		

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Alfred Edward Bowkett was born in London in 1897 and he was baptised in St Stephen's Church, Clapham Park on 3rd November 1897. His father Edward was a coachman. By the time of the 1901 census, aged 3, Alfred was living with his uncle James Bowkett in Stretton Grandison. His uncle was a carrier. Alfred was a scholar, still living with his uncle at Stretton Grandison in 1911. He was living in Colwall, working for Mr Ash the baker, when he enlisted in Hereford and he joined the Herefordshire Regiment, going out with the 1st/1st Battalion in July 1915 to Gallipoli. He died at a Casualty Clearing station in October 1915 and is buried in Hill 10 Cemetery.