

# Alfred Bond

*G/40832, 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 16 August 1917, aged 35*

Alfred was born in the spring of 1882 in Fen Stanton, the second of nine children of William Bond, a boot maker, and Alice (nee Crouch). The family lived at Chequer Street and then High Street, Fen Stanton where Alfred also became a boot maker like his father.

In 1908 Alfred married Annie Taylor; they moved to High Street, Warboys and had a son, Jack Taylor Bond in 1909.



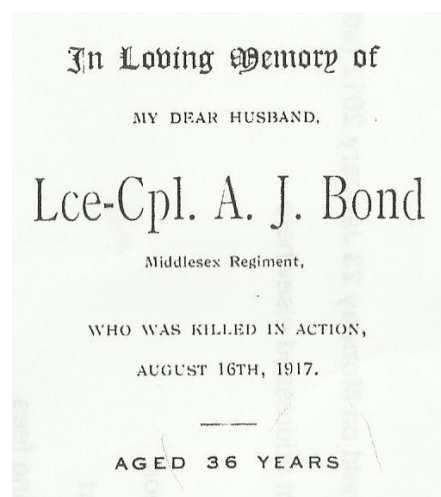
Alfred joined the Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment, 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion. It seems that Alfred had a private education because the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion was raised exclusively from the Public Schools. His friend **Ralph Bitten** who joined with him was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion first saw action in the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and many of them were cut down by German machine gun fire at Beaumont Hamel. Alfred survived this and the following Arras Offensive and was promoted to Lance Corporal. He was reported missing believed killed on the first day of the battle of Langemarck, near Ypres, 16 August 1917. His death was not confirmed until 1919.

Alfred has no known grave but is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing, Belgium.

He is also remembered on the Fen Stanton War Memorial.

Alfred's widow Annie had this memorial card printed. In 1919 she married Neville Farey. His father and mother died in 1939, perhaps in that year's influenza epidemic.



The same year his son Jack married Brenda Everett, Jack lived locally until he died in 1992.

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