

In Memory of

Private

Bertie William Ballinger

18554, 9th Bn., Worcestershire Regiment who died on 20 April 1916 Age 36

Son of Sarah Ann Ballinger, of Shrivenham, Berks, and the late Thomas Ballinger.

Remembered with Honour

Basra Memorial



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Bertie William Ballinger 1880-1916

Bertie was born in Shrivenham in 1880 to parents Thomas and Sarah. They lived in Shrivenham and Thomas was a farm labourer. Bertie's siblings were Edward born 1872, Charles born 1875 and Thomas born 1878. By 1911 Bertie had moved to 2 Great Western Terrace, Lydney, Gloucestershire as a boarder and was employed as a Carter.

Bertie enlisted in Caerphilly, Glamorgan in 1915 and joined the Worcestershire Regiment. Bertie's Medal Card is under the name William B Ballinger but clearly has the same service number 18554. He commenced service in the Balkans theatre of war on 26th August 1915 and was killed in action in Mesopotamia on 20th April 1916. Poor Bertie's war only lasted eight months. His name is engraved on the Basra Memorial indicating that his remains have no grave.

Bertie Ballinger

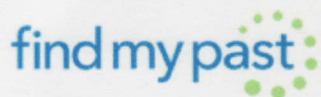
Bertie was born in Shrivenham in 1880, son of Thomas, a farm labourer, and Sarah who had at least five children.

The 1891 Census shows him as an 11 year old scholar living at Parish Row , Shrivenham.

In 1907 he spent a year working for the Great Western Railway at Pantyffynnon in Wales.

The 1911 Census shows him as a boarder in Leganey, Glos. single and working as a brewery carter.

He was a Private in the 9th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, No 18554 and was killed in action in Mesopotamia on 20th April 1916 aged 36.



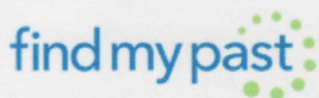
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Armed Forces registration event: Death

Name: **BALLINGER, Bertie W**
Unit: **Worcestershire Regiment**
Rank: **Private**
Number: **18554**
Year: **1916**
Volume: **1.55**
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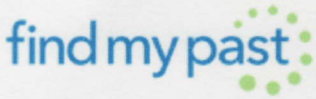
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Civil Registration event: Birth

Name: **BALLINGER, Bertie William**
Registration district: **Faringdon (Berkshire)**
County: **Berkshire**
Year of registration: **1880**
Quarter of registration: **Jul-Aug-Sep**
Mother's maiden name: **Not available before 1911 Q3**
Volume no: **2C**
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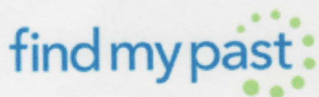
Bertie and Thomas

1881

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 Parish: **Shrivenham**
 Enum. District:
 Ecclesiastical District:
 City/Municipal Borough:
 Address: **?, Shrivenham**
 County: **Berkshire**

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation , Disability	Where Born
BALLINGER, Thomas	Head	Married	M	41	1840	Ag Labourer Out Of Employ	Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Sarah	Wife	Married	F	32	1849		South Marston, Wiltshire
BALLINGER, Edward	Son	Single	M	9	1872	Scholar	Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Charles	Son	Single	M	6	1875	Scholar	Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Thomas	Son	Single	M	3	1878		Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Bertie	Son	Single	M	0	1881		Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, William	Uncle	Single	M	64	1817	General Labourer	Littleworth, Berkshire



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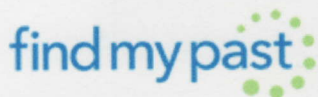
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Parish: **Shrivenham**
Enum. District: **1**
Ecclesiastical District: **Shrivenham**
City/Municipal Borough:
Address: **Parish Row, Swindon Road, Shrivenham**
County: **Berkshire**

1891

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation , Disability	Where Born
BALLINGER, Thomas	Head	Married	M	51	1840	Farm Labourer	Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Sarah	Wife	Married	F	43	1848		South Marston, Wiltshire
BALLINGER, Edmund	Son	Single	M	19	1872	General Labourer	Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Charlie	Son		M	17	1874	Farm Labourer	Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Thomas	Son		M	13	1878	Office Lad	Shrivenham, Berkshire
BALLINGER, Bertie	Son		M	11	1880	Scholar	
BALLINGER, Arthur	Son		M	8	1883	Scholar	



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1911 census transcription details for: 2 Great Western Terrace Lydney Glo's

National Archive Reference:

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*Bertie in Lydney near
1911 Wales*

Reg. District: **Chepstow**
 Sub District: **Lydney**
 Parish: **Lydney**
 Enum. District: **12**
 Address: **2 Great Western Terrace Lydney Glo's**
 County: **Monmouthshire**

Name	Relation	Condition/ Yrs married	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation	Where Born
BEVERSTOCK, Henry	Head	Married	M	55	1856	Railway Platelayer	Hants Stockbridge
BEVERSTOCK, Alice	Wife	Married 37 years	F	57	1854		Glos Awre
BIRT, James C	Boarder	Single	M	24	1887	Railway Signalman	Glos Lydney
GOODFIELD, William G	Boarder	Single	M	23	1888	Railway Brakesman	Glos Berkeley
BALLINGER, Bertie W	Boarder	Single	M	29	1882	Carter	Berks Shrevenham
KENT, George	Boarder	Single	M	21	1890	Railway Porter	Wilts Oaksey

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedules 183
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.	
		For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.	Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	Completed Years the present Marriage has lasted.	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	Personal Occupation.				Industry or Service with which worker is connected.
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," or "Boarder," or "Servant."								The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employments. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry, (1) "Employer" (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).	Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage," (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc. If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.	
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1. <i>Harry Bowersock</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>35</i>		<i>Married</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Railway Platelayer</i>	<i>516</i>	<i>Worker</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Hants, Hookbridge</i>	<i>160</i>	
2. <i>Alice Bowersock</i>	<i>Wife</i>		<i>34</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>					<i>Glou, Avee</i>		
3. <i>James C. Lirt</i>	<i>Boarder</i>		<i>24</i>	<i>Single</i>					<i>Railway Signalman</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>Worker</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Glou, Leybury</i>		
4. <i>William G. Gouffea</i>	<i>Boarder</i>		<i>23</i>	<i>Single</i>					<i>Railway Breaksman</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>Worker</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Glou, Berkeley</i>		
5. <i>Bertie W. Ballinger</i>	<i>Boarder</i>		<i>29</i>	<i>Single</i>					<i>Brewery</i>	<i>070</i>	<i>Worker</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Berks, Shinfield</i>	<i>300</i>	
6. <i>George Trent</i>	<i>Boarder</i>		<i>21</i>	<i>Single</i>					<i>Railway Porter</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>Worker</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Wills, Oaksey</i>	<i>260</i>	
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I certify that:—		
(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.		
(2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.		
(3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.		
Initials of Enumerator: <i>W.S.D.</i>		

Total.		
Males.	Females.	Persons.
<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9</i>

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

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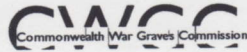
I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *for Harry Bowersock*
for James Collins, Bert
Postal Address *2 Western Terrace, Leybury, Glou.*

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BALLINGER	Wor R.	Pte	18554
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Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	L/102 ^B 2	263	Med.
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Theatre of War first served in (2B) Balkans.			
Date of entry therein 25-8-15.			

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Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name
BALLINGER, BERTIE WILLIAM	Private	18554	20/04/1916	36	Worcestershire Regiment	United Kingdom	Panel 18 and 63.	BASRA MEMORIAL



Cemetery details

BASRA MEMORIAL



Country: Iraq
Identified Casualties: 40682

Location Information

Until 1997 the Basra Memorial was located on the main quay of the naval dockyard at Maqil, on the west bank of the Shatt-al-Arab, about 8 kilometres north of Basra.

Because of the sensitivity of the site, the Memorial was moved by presidential decree. The move, carried out by the authorities in Iraq, involved a considerable amount of manpower, transport costs and sheer engineering on their part, and the Memorial has been re-erected in its entirety.

The Basra Memorial is now located 32 kilometres along the road to Nasiriyah, in the middle of what was a major battleground during the first Gulf War.

The Panel Numbers quoted at the end of each entry relate to the panels dedicated to the Regiment served with.

Visiting Information

NOTE: Whilst the current climate of political instability persists it is not possible for the Commission to manage or maintain its cemeteries and memorials located within Iraq. Alternative arrangements for commemoration have therefore been implemented and a two volume Roll of Honour listing all casualties buried and commemorated in Iraq has been produced. These volumes are on display at the Commission's Head Office in Maidenhead and are available for the public to view.

The Commission continues to monitor the situation in Iraq and once the political climate has improved to an acceptable level the Commission will commence a major rehabilitation project for its cemeteries and commemorations.

Before considering a visit to Iraq the Commission strongly recommends that you check the advice given by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office on the travel section of their website:

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UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919 about Bertie William Ballinger

Name:	Bertie William Ballinger
Birth Place:	Shrivenham, Berks
Residence:	Swindon, Wilts
Death Date:	20 Apr 1916
Death Location:	Mesopotamia
Enlistment Location:	Caerphilly, Glam
Rank:	Private
Regiment:	Worcestershire Regiment
Battalion:	9th Battalion
Number:	18554
Type of Casualty:	Killed in action
Theatre of War:	Asiatic Theatres

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England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index, 1837-1915
- Bertie Ballinger
1891 England Census
- Bertie Ballinger
1881 England Census