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Duke of Cambridge's Own 1st Battalion,
Middlesex Regiment

1876 — 1918

William Hinton was born in Swanbourne, probably in April 1876 and he was baptised at St Swithuns on 30st April. His parents were Joseph and Sarah Hinton (nee Higgins), who had married in 1893. They hadral least six children but William was the only boy, having five older sisters - Mary Ann (1862). Emily (1864), Jane (1867), Louisa (1871) and Eliza (1874). His mother died aged 43 and was buried in Swanbourne on 12th Feb, 1881.

In 1871, before William was born, the family were living in Duck End, and in 1881, they were in Church Street (Winslow Road). William, aged 5, was described as a scholar. In 1891, they were probably in 20 Winslow Road, and William aged 15 was an agricultural labourer, like his father.

William has not been found in the 1901 census, but on 4th June, 1904, he married Emily Smith, (born c1881 in Devizes, Wiltshire) at the Primitive Methodist Church, Harrow Road, Kensington. In 1911, William and Emily Hinton were living at 6, St. Ervans Road, North Kensington. William, aged 5, sas a stableman, living with wife Emily, aged 30, and four children. Cecil aged 6, Stanley aged 5, Reginald aged 3, and Winfred 8 months. The first three children were born in Paddington, but Winifred was born in Rutland. He had one further child, Dorts who was born in Kensington in Jan 1913.

As a married man of 40, William would have been in one of the last groups of men to be conscripted under the 1916 Conscription Act. At the time of his enrolment, he was 40 years and 4 months old, and his address was 79, Wornington Road, Kensington. He gave his religion as Church of England, and his trade as stableman. His medical classification was Class C II. He was on home leave until 31st May, 1917, and then he embarked for France on 1st June, joining the Labour Corp Base Depot at Bouloge in 2nd June, leave his religion as Church of England, and his trade as stableman. His medical classification was Class C II. He was brought back to