

# MACHIN A.S.H

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**Private TR/128538 Albert Sidney Haydn MACHIN. 102<sup>nd</sup> Training Reserve Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. (23<sup>rd</sup> Reserve Brigade, Aldershot). Died Woolpack Farm, Westwell 20<sup>th</sup> September 1918 aged 19 years of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (T.B). Born Ashford 11<sup>th</sup> July 1899. Resided 19, Barrow Hill Road, St John's, London. Son of Albert Edward and Stella Mary Machin of 170, Station Road, Redhill, Surrey. Formerly "Gladwyn", Elwick Road, Ashford, Kent. Buried 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1918 in a private family plot at the Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford. Grave reference - 2382.**

Death Certificate reference – West Ashford/CH16/260.

Albert's name also appears on the Norton Knatchbull roll of honour. He attended that school from 1907 to 1909. His name also appears on the Ashford St Mary's Plaque.

Albert's father Albert Edward Machin was born 29 January 1867 and died at Holfontein, South Africa on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1904 aged 37 years. Albert Sidney Haydn had a brother who died aged 10 months – Gerald Douglas Machin born 9<sup>th</sup> February 1903 died December 1903 aged only 10 months.

Albert enlisted in the army on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1917 at White City, London. When Albert was discharged from the army on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1917, his home address was given as – 19, Barrow Hill Road, St John's Wood, London. The Royal Army Medical Corps at Connaught Hospital in Aldershot, Hampshire confirmed that Albert was unfit for further war service because of Pulmonary T.B.

**Albert was swiftly invalided from the service and died of the SAME disease 11 months later. His death was attributable.**

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Training Reserve Battalion was formed in 1915 as the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> battalion's, Middlesex Regiment. Both drew their held strength from existing depot companies of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment. In December 1915 both reserve units (27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) were at Northampton in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Reserve Brigade. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1916 both battalions were re-formed into the 101<sup>st</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> Training Reserve Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment respectively. Both battalions were at that time based at Aldershot. Both battalions remained in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Reserve Brigade which was a home service (reserve) infantry unit consisting almost entirely of young soldiers completing their basic training.

