

FRED BISHOP

Fred Bishop was one of eight children of John & Sarah Jane Bishop. They came from Somerset, but he was born while they were living in Cadeleigh. They later moved to Stouridge cottage, and then, in 1914/15 to Ducksdale in Washfield.

Fred joined the Devonshire Regiment, and in 1911 he was a private, serving in Malta with the 2nd Bn.

On the 14th Jan 1915, the Tiverton Gazette had this report:

"Mr & Mrs Bishop of Ramstorland received a letter from Lieut. Bates, 2nd Devons, to say their son aged 24 had been killed in France. Fred had been his personal servant and was shot through the head and shoulder killing him instantly. The parents had just received a casket from Fred, containing gifts from the King, Queen and Princess Mary, for safe keeping."

He was awarded the 1914 Star, the British Medal and the Victory Star.

Fred's younger brother Walter also enlisted.

His parents were still living in Ducksdale after the War.

Fred Bishop is also on the Washfield Roll of Honour in Washfield Church.

You can see the commemorative certificate produced by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission by using this link:

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/824164/BISHOP,%20FRED>

and following the instructions on the page.