

## Charles Alfred Holgate MM 1892 – 1918

27.05.1918 Killed France

Soissons Memorial  
 Department de L'Aisne, Picardie

Age: 26

Wife:  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 1890 Birth Bertha Bocking  
 daughter of William and Sarah Ann  
 of Tiptree

1911 Bertha in service Prittlewell,  
 Southend-on-Sea

1<sup>st</sup> Q 1922 Bertha remarries a Mr  
 Burrells reg. Rochford and lives in  
 Prittlewell

**Military Medal**



Obverse of medal and ribbon



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**Awarded by UK and Commonwealth**

<b>Type</b>	Military decoration
<b>Eligibility</b>	British and (formerly) Commonwealth forces
<b>Awarded for</b>	acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire
<b>Status</b>	Discontinued in 1993

**Soissons Memorial**

Soissons  
 Département de l'Aisne  
 Picardie, France

Cemetary notes and/or description:  
 The Soissons Memorial commemorates almost 4,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom forces who died during the battles of the Aisne and the Marne in 1918 and who have no known grave. The original British Expeditionary Force crossed the River Aisne in August 1914 a few kilometres west of Soissons, and re-crossed it in September a few kilometres east. For the next three and a half years, this part of the front was held by French forces and the city remained within the range of German artillery. At the end of April 1918, five divisions of Commonwealth forces (IX Corps) were posted to the French 6th Army in this sector to east and refit following the German offensives on the Somme and Lys. Here, at the end of May, they found themselves facing the overwhelming German attack which, despite fierce opposition, pushed the Allies back across the Aisne to the Marne. Having suffered 15,000 fatal casualties, IX Corps was withdrawn from the front in early July, but was replaced by XIII Corps, who took part in the Allied counter attack that had driven back the Germans by early August and recovered the lost ground. The memorial was designed by G H Holt and V G Rees, with sculpture by Eric Kemington.



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Born	Parents & Siblings at Home	Locations	Marriage / Other	Jobs / Rank
<b>Andrew Frederick</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 1892 Wickham Bishops  1889 Frederick W 1890 Hephzibah G 2Q1892 Charles Alfred 1894 Ellen 1900 George A 1904 Arthur	<b>Mother:</b> Jane nee Abbott of Wickham Bishops <b>Father:</b> Frederick William Holgate <b>Stepfather:</b> Walter Bocking  <b>1901</b> 1 half-brother 2 sisters   Note: Elm Hall Cottages? Cressing Road, Witham. Elm Lane road from Feering to A120. Ewell Hall Chase runs from West Kelvedon to behind Perrywood.	<b>1891</b> Holgate family Grange Road, Wickham Bishops  <b>1901</b> grandfather & stepfather Church Road, Wickham Bishops  <b>1911</b> boarder Hall Road, Great Totham with the Cousins family  <b>1881 &amp; 1891</b> Walter, The Endway, Tiptree  <b>1911</b> mother and stepfather Elm Hall Cottages, Witham?  Enlists Maldon  <b>1922</b> Jane Bocking Railway Cottages, Boreham	4Q1912 Charles marries Bertha Bocking of The Endway, Tiptree. Bertha is Walter's niece.  Possible child 4Q 1913 Alice M registered in Chelmsford. Maybe Bertha was staying with Jane and Walter. In 1933 Alice May Holgate marries Henry George Skews reg. Maldon.	<b>1891</b> father Agricultural labourer  <b>1911</b> stepfather Horseman  <b>1911</b> Cowman  <b>1918</b> Private 24580 Northamptonshire Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion.