

Albert Ernest HEMP



Born: 8th August 1883 in Happisburgh

Baptised: 30th March 1884 in Happisburgh

Parents: Robert Francis (born 1846) Shoemaker, Walcott
Harriet Cole (born 1848)
married 26th August 1868 in Walcott

Siblings: William Cubitt, Robert Henry,
James Frederick, Cubitt John,
Alfred Thomas, Clara Jane,
John, Maria Albina,
Harriet Marion, Ernest Frederick

School: Lessingham

Address: Brought up by Aunt, Anna Hubbard.
Lessingham, 1911 census.

Occupation: Farm Labourer, 1911 census

Marriage: (Eliza) Florence Rowe, 11th January 1913
Lessingham

Children: (Ernest) Joe (born 1914)
Ida (born 1918)
Jeffrey (born 1920)
Clifford (born 19th November 1921 and
baptised Irstead Church 15th January 1922)

Address: *From information obtained from Albert's granddaughter, we understand that after Albert was married he lived at **Irstead Manor** and was employed as a gardener and his wife as a cook.*

*A cottage in the name of Mrs Hemp in the grounds of **Irstead Manor**, appears on the 1922 Irstead Hall Estate Sale Brochure, as attracting a rent of £4 per annum.*

*We understand the family moved to **Pennygate** in 1927*

Military & War Service:

Private, Royal Fusiliers, Reg Number 33487

Private, Labour Corps, Reg Number 213905

“Albert was mustard gassed and was returned home to recuperate. However he was sent back and was mustard gassed again a second time. After the war when he returned home he had to sleep outside in some kind of vent arrangement to get the fresh air he needed to recover.”

(source: Albert's granddaughter)

Mustard Gas (Yperite) was first used by the [German Army](http://www.spartacus-educational.com/FWWmustard.htm) in September 1917. It was one of the most lethal of all the poisonous chemicals used during the war. It was almost odourless and took twelve hours to take effect.(www.spartacus-educational.com/FWWmustard.htm)

Albert appears on the New Victory Hall list of men who returned from WW1 as “Ernest Hemp”.

Medals: Victory, British

Died: 28th June 1973, aged 90