

REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR

Full name	Second Lieutenant William Jefferson Vincent
Birth	1899 in Maryport, Cumberland
CWGC	Dorsetshire Regiment 1st Bn. attd. 5th Bn.
Died	1 October 1918, age 19
Memorial	Sucrerie Cemetery, Epinoy A8

"In loving memory of our dear son, gone but not forgotten"



British War Medal
& Victory Medal



Son of Hector and Blanche Vincent of West Moors

Circumstance

William enlisted early in 1918 as a Private in the Dorsetshire Regiment and after Basic Training he was selected to receive a commission to the 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment. He landed in France 1st August and was attached to the 5th Battalion. They were attached to the 32nd Brigade, marching along the Cambrai Road, when they were sent to a sunken road NW of Epinoy to reinforce an attack on the Aubencheul-Abancourt railway. The Germans were in a strong position, skilfully entrenched and hard to locate. The Dorsetshires made good progress under fire, suffering many casualties while cutting through wire. The Northumberland Fusiliers arrived as reinforcements, and they tried another push forward but could not dislodge the Germans. Out of 500 men, 215 men were wounded and 50 killed, one of which was William.

Notes William was awarded the British War and Victory Medals.

Information compiled by Lynne Anderson, 1st West Moors Scout Group, 2025