



## William Wymant

William Wymant was born on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1886 in Gretton. He was baptised on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1888. His father was William Wymant, his mother Anne Wymant (nee Jones). William and Anne were married in 1877.

### Family History

In 1891 William and Anne were living with their children Arthur, Herbert, Ellen, William, and Martha. William Snr. was employed as a farm labourer. A lodger, employed as an ironstone labourer, Slaney Jones was resident.

In 1901 William, Anne and children William, Martha and Annie were living in Gretton. William Snr. was a railway labourer. Also resident was lodger Slaney Jones.

William Wymant Snr. died in 1909.

In 1911 widow Anne Wymant was living with her sons Arthur (a yardman in a coal merchants) and William (employed as a bootmaker in the employment of Mr T. Spendlove).

### Military History

William Wymant enlisted in Kettering on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1915 into the Royal Garrison Artillery.

William Wymant married Kate Weston of Gretton on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1916.

Gunner (81102) William Wymant arrived in France on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1916. At some point he was promoted to Acting Bombardier. He was serving with the 140 Siege Battery, R.G.A. when he was killed.

The Grantham Journal reported on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1917 –

*Bombardier William Wymant, of the R.G.A., has been killed in action. He belonged to Gretton, and before joining the forces, was in the employ of Mr T. Spendlove, bootmaker.*

Acting Bombardier William Wymant was killed in action on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1917. According to a newspaper report he was killed by a German shell. He is buried in the Ferme-Olivier Cemetery near Elverdinghe, Ypres and commemorated on the Gretton War Memorial.



### Ferme-Olivier Cemetery

The cemetery was used continuously between 9 June 1915 and 5 August 1917, with the 62nd, 16th, 9th, 11th, 129th and 130th Field Ambulances successively having dressing stations close by. Throughout this period, the village was just within range of the German artillery and a collective grave in Plot 2, Row E, contains the remains of 37 men of the 3rd Bn Monmouthshire Regiment killed on parade on 29 December 1915 by a single shell fired from a naval gun in Houthulst Forest. The graves in Plot 3 run in order of date of death and show the successive occupations of Elverdinghe Chateau by the 38th (Welsh) Division, the Guards Division and units of the Royal Artillery.

The cemetery contains 408 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 6 of which are unidentified, and three German war graves.

The cemetery was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.

### Reference

Commonwealth War Graves Commission  
Gretton Local History Society  
Grantham Journal

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of the Royal Garrison Artillery

d. 7<sup>th</sup> July 1917

### Arthur Wymant (brother)

William's brother Arthur Wymant (b. 1880 Gretton) served in the Royal Garrison Artillery from 26<sup>th</sup> November 1915 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 1918.

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