

Pte. William Edward Westle

<i>Name</i>	William Edward Westle
<i>Birth Place</i>	St Pancras
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Apprentice Printer, London
<i>Date of Birth</i>	About 1893
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	Before October 1914

<i>Parents</i>	Thomas Westle / Annie Westle
<i>Married</i>	



Royal Fusiliers 1916

William was born around 1893 in St Pancras. His father, Thomas Westle was a journeyman baker but by 1901 was already a widower. Thomas with his three sons, William, Henry and Alfred, together with his daughter Ruth, all of whom were under seven, were living at Buckingham House in Woking, Surrey in 1901. Clearly this was too much for Thomas, and by 1907, William and Ruth were in Bugbrooke, fostered under the Dr Barnardos foundation. There are various mentions of them in the school log book, and in 1907 William was mentioned having won a prize for drawing. By 1911 William had finished his schooling and as per normal practice returned at a Dr Barnardos home in Ratcliff Shadwell, London where he was made an apprentice printer. Ruth had also returned to Dr Barnardos, living in a Dr Barnardo's Girls Village Home in Ilford. William joined the Royal Fusiliers earlier than October 1914, as he wrote to the school on the 2nd October. He was promoted to Sergeant with service number 4100. On the 15th November 1916 he was killed and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme. He died just 7 months after his brother Henry

