



# ALFRED VINCENT PARKIN

48896, Private, Alfred Vincent Parkin, 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, formerly 203886, Middlesex Regiment.

Born in 1880 at Leicester, son of sewing machine agent, Henry and Jane Parkin. Born the fourth child in a family of eight children, his siblings were Edith, John Henry, Louisa Raine, Florence, Mabel

Ellen and Ernest. Alfred married Emma Louisa Woolham, 16 May 1906, at the Methodist Chapel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester. In the 1911 census return, they are shown to have two children, Dorothy Muriel (3) and Winifred (1), living at 5 Burnage Lane, Levenshulme, Manchester. Alfred was employed as a managing clerk for a cotton manufacturer's agent.

Alfred enlisted at Stockport, he was then living at Moss Lane, Bramhall. After completing his basic training, Alfred was drafted to France. The Lancashire Fusiliers were in the 17<sup>th</sup> Division, 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade and the battalion war diary for August 1918 relates to the action on the 25<sup>th</sup> August; *Orders were received at 1.30 pm to resume the advance at 4.00 pm on the general line R.33. R.34. R.35. and eastwards. The Battalion was on the left, with the Manchester Regiment on the right, and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in support of both battalions. Leaving COURCELETTE on the north, the battalion pushed forward and crossed the ALBERT – BAPAUME ROAD, immediately coming under heavy machine gun fire from the direction of MARTINPUICH. The Lancashire Fusiliers received orders to work round the north side of the village, the Manchester Regiment outflanking the village on the south side. After heavy opposition, especially artillery and machine guns, the front companies succeeded in carrying the northern position of MARTINPUICH.* Alfred was killed in action, 25/08/1918, at Martinpuich, aged 38 years.

## **Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal.**

His widow was now living at Oakdene, Poynton and received Probate of his Will. Effects: £1,282 15s.5d. Private, Alfred Vincent Parkin is buried at Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont, Somme, France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - VII. C. 16.

