

J Payne

CWGC - PRIVATE J PAYNE

Service Number: 202948

Royal Berkshire Regiment
2nd/4th Bn.

Died 03 April 1918

Age 30 years old

Buried or commemorated at

VADENCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, MAISSEMY III. B. 38.
France

Son of Joshua and Annie Payne; husband of Ethel Smart (formerly Payne), of 26, Temple St., Keynsham, Bristol.

Notes - Joshua was conscripted into the army and he joined the ranks of 2/4th Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment. After months of training, the battalion landed at Le Havre on 27 May 1916 to become part of the 61st (or 'sixty worst' as some wag called it) Division. Joshua survived the carnage of the Passchendaele and Cambrai battles of 1917 but in the spring of 1918 came Operation Michael. Presumably Joshua was hit on 1st April but died two days later from his wounds. It was said that he died in the arms of his friend Joseph Smart and his dying words were "Look after Ethel" which he did and they were married in 1921.

