

## **Albert Thomas (Tom) Flux**

**Born:** 1889 White Horse Inn, Hambrook. **Died** 1915

**Lived:** Walton Farm, Hambrook

**School:** Whiteshill School, Hambrook

**Parents:** Alfred William Flux

Emily Flux (sister to Albert Hill )

**Brothers:** Alfred Ernest .1893 - 1918

Francis Charles. 1895 - 1981

**Sisters:** Kate. 1891 – 1980

Mabel Emily. 1897 – 1966

**Occupation:** Farmer

Always known as **Tom**, he stayed at home to run the farm whilst his two brothers and his Hill cousins went off to war.

He died of peritonitis, blood poisoning, in a local hospital.

Here is the entry for burials on August 10th. 1915 from the Parish magazine.

**Albert Thomas Flux**, aged 26, died 6th August 1915.

*‘in the past month has our parish been overshadowed by the loss of one whose family has offered most nobly in the cause of God and King and Country. Of the four young men, three sons and a nephew, who shared with **Mr Flux** the work of his farm, **Tom**, the eldest, though keen on soldiering, stayed at home that the three others might join the Army, his youngest sister undertaking the delivery of the milk. On July 24th, having apparently strained himself in the hayfield, he was obliged to go into Bristol General Hospital for a slight operation. This he successfully underwent on July 30th, and all seemed to promise well, but owing to his inability to receive nourishment it was found necessary on August 4th, the day after his twenty-sixth birthday, to perform at once a most critical operation. This, however, failed to save his life. He "departed to be with Christ, which is far better," at dawn on the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6th. He was conscious to the last, and, through the kindly consideration of the Hospital authorities, was tended night and day for the last forty-eight hours by his near and dear ones. His only brother in England was granted special leave of absence from his regiment, and arrived in time to see him before he died. The next day his family were further distressed by hearing that his brother at the front had, after a fierce engagement, been sent to a Base Hospital, but this has since proved to have been through sickness, and he is now convalescent. On the morning of August 10, all that was mortal of **Albert Thomas Flux** was borne for the last time to the Church, of which he was but last year a sidesman, by relays of comrades in our Volunteer Defence Corps, which he served as a platoon sergeant, and, amidst the sincere but hopeful sorrow of the parish generally, laid to rest in Frenchay Churchyard. During the service the chancel was quite carpeted with beautiful floral tokens of affection and regard, and deep was the Sympathy felt with his family and fiancée.’*

**1896** Here is **Tom** standing with his mother **Emily Flux** who has his baby brother **Charlie (Francis Charles)** on her knee. His sister **Kit (Kate)** Flux is standing the other side behind little brother **Alf (Alfred) Ernest Flux**. **Mabel Flux** is not yet born.



Before **Emily** married **Alfred Flux**, she was **Emily Hill**, sister to **Albert Hill** who married **Caroline Smith**. The **Flux** and the **Hill**'s children were cousins, a close family with 11 children between them born between 1888 and 1898.

As well as **Tom**, **Emily**'s son **Alf (Alfred) Flux** also died as a bombardier in the War.

Here is **Tom** with his school class at Whiteshill School in Hambrook in around 1900. **Tom** stands in the back row second from the left in the back row. **Kit Flux** is second on the left in the third row just in front of him. **Charlie Flux** is in the front row 4<sup>th</sup> from the left. The Hill cousins are there too.



The White Horse Inn, Hambrook. 1870's. Home of **Tom Flux's** Grandparents. **Mary Ann and Frederick Hill.**



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