

## STEWARD John



Private; Essex Regiment. 10th Battalion.,

Age 30. Died of wounds 10<sup>th</sup> February 1917.

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Son of John Edward and Alice Maria Steward, of West St., Tollesbury, Maldon, Essex. He was born at Tollesbury. He lived at Tolleshunt Knights & enlisted at Chelmsford.

The 10th (Service) Battalion was formed at Warley in September 1914, as part of K2. September 1914 It was attached to 53rd Brigade, 18th Division. The early days were somewhat chaotic, the new volunteers having very few trained officers and NCOs to command them, no organised billets or equipment. However, by the Spring of 1915, the Division was considered to be ready for France.

25 May 1915 : landed in Boulogne; the Division served with distinction on the Western Front for the remainder of the war, taking part in most of the significant actions:-

The Battle of Albert (first phase of the Battle of the Somme 1916); The Battle of Bazentin (second phase of the Battle of the Somme 1916); In the latter action, the Division captured Trones Wood. The Battle of Delville Wood (third phase of the Battle of the Somme 1916) (53rd Brigade). The Battle of the Ancre Heights (ninth phase of the Battle of the Somme 1916) In the above action, the Division captured Schwaben redoubt, and helped capture Regina Trench. The Battle of the Ancre (tenth phase of the Battle of the Somme 1916). He died at home of wounds.



1914-1920 War Medal; 1914-1919 Victory Medal

