

Source: British medals forum (unusual casualties topic)

Pte 6849 Edward Ashdown 1st Bn Royal Welch Fusiliers. Ashdown was *“mobilised from the Reserves in August 1914 and was immediately drafted to France where he did good work with his unit in many of the early engagements of the war, including the retreat from Mons, battle of the Marne, Aisne, Ypres, Neuve Chapelle, Hill 60, Festubert and Loos and later in the battles of Vimy Ridge and the Somme.*

*After rendering services of a valuable character he was unfortunately **killed by lightning** in the trenches on the Ancre.”* On the 19th June 1917. He is buried in Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension.