



**INGHAM WAR MEMORIAL** 

World War 1 & 2 - Roll of Honour with detailed information Compiled & Copyright © Keith Wagstaff 2006

The memorial is a stone pillar, tapering column with a cross and is situated in All Saints Churchyard in the centre of the village.



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# ERECTED BY THE PARISHIONERS OF INGHAM IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH

#### WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY

# WAR MEMORIALS

August 1914 saw the outbreak of the First World War. It was the Great War- the war to end all wars and it would be over by Christmas. At its finish, in November 1918 the losses to the Allied Powers in war dead amounted to some 5,200,000. Britain herself lost just short of 1,000,000 in the conflict. By 1919, Britain was only too painfully aware of the supreme effort and loss it had endured during the previous 4 years. As a nation it vowed and promised never to forget those who had given their lives to secure peace. To that end, the local populace of virtually every hamlet, village, town and city throughout the land ensured their heroes would be honoured and remembered by the erection of a suitable war memorial to them. Some thirty years later, those same promises and vows were repeated, as the Nation's Memorials saw the addition of many further names – names of those who had given their lives in the Second World War.

Today, it is hard to remember those you never knew. All that is left is a list of names inscribed on memorial tablets, whom we respect by the laying of wreaths each year on Armistice Sunday. It is our wish to see the memories of those men who fell in the 1914 – 1918 war fade not into oblivion. Time passes and sadly, memories fail, the following pages remembers more than names, to try to see who they really were, in this way, hopefully they will not be forgotten.

# **INGHAM WAR MEMORIAL**

The Ingham Memorial was erected by the Parishioners of Ingham in June 21<sup>st</sup> 1921. It was unveiled by Colonel Hart of Bracebridge, with local Clergy and other Dignitaries in attendance. The dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Lincoln. Sculpture Mr Arthur Howson of Lincoln

This Memorial is registered and recorded with the United Kingdom National Inventory of war Memorials <u>www.ukniwm.org.uk</u>





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Roll of Honour with detailed information and personal data drawn from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Compiled by Keith Wagstaff 2006.

#### FOR THOSE WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

## **Raymond BIRD**

Rifleman Raymond Arthur Bird 554343 London Regiment (Queens Westminster Rifles) Enlisted January 1917 Son of Job and Millicent Louisa Bird of Ingham Killed in action 24th August 1918 aged 20 Buried Daours Communal Cemetery Somme France Grave Ref. 111.F2 <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### **Fred BURKITT**

Private Frederick Schofield Burkitt 50630 Sherwood Forresters (Notts. And Derby Regiment) 2<sup>nd</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Stepson of Edward Burkitt of Newport. Native of Ingham Killed in action 26<sup>th</sup> September 1917 aged 23 Buried New Irish Farm Cemetery, Ieper. West-Vlaandren, Belguim Grave Ref.XV11. <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

## Harry BRISTOW

Private Henry Bristow 164043 Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Enlisted Prior to 1914 Eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Bristow of Ingham Died 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1920 aged 31 Buried Ingham Churchyard <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### Alfred EAST

Private Alfred East 2058 6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lincolnshire Regiment Enlisted June 1916 Lincoln Husband of Alice May East, of Lincoln Rd. Branston, Lincoln. Killed in action 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1918 aged 30 Buried Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belguim. Grave Ref.Panel 35 to 37 and 162 to 162A <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

William GOY

Private William Goy 25976 Grenadier Guards

Enlisted 1915 Son of Mr J. Goy resident of Ingham. Died from his wounds and consumption December 13<sup>th</sup> 1919 aged 34 Buried Ingham Churchyard <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### **Charles LANCASTER**

Private Charles T Lancaster 40911 Lincolnshire Regiment Enlisted Lincoln Son of Charles T and Lucy J Lancaster of Middle Manton Kirton Lindsey Killed in action 29<sup>th</sup> April 1917 Aged 20 Buried Aubigney Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave ref.ii.G.69 <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### **George LITTLEOVER**

Private George Littleover 13462 7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lincolnshire Regiment. Enlisted Lincoln. Son of Mr Joseph Littleover of Ingham. Killed in action 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917 aged 31. Buried Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belguim. Grave Ref. Panel 35 to 37 and 162 to 162A <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### **Edwin MURR**

Private Edward Murr 1775 1<sup>st</sup> Lincolnshire Yeomanry. Enlisted Lincoln before 1903 Stepson of Mr Aaron Clarke of Ingham Died from his wounds and tubercolosis July 30<sup>th</sup> 1919 aged 28. at Belton Park Military Hospital Buried Ingham Churchyard next to his brother George Murr. <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

George MURR

Gunner George Murr 68037 3<sup>rd</sup> Btn. Royal Garrison Artillery Enlisted 1915 Stepson of Mr Aaron Clarke of Ingham Died from his wounds 5<sup>th</sup> May 1919 aged 26 at Harton War Memorial Hospital Bradford Buried Ingham Churchyard next to his brother Edward Murr <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### William MUSGRAVE

Corporal William Lawson Musgrave 70103 Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment) 31<sup>st</sup> Btn. Son of Ellen Musgrave, 3847 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Vancouver, British Columbia, and the late William Musgrave native of Lincoln. Killed in action 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917 Buried Fosse No 10 Communal Cemetery Extension Sainsen-Gohell, Pas de Calais, France Grave Ref. 11. B. 1. <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

**John SIMCOATES** 

Private Joseph Simcoates 201166 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lincolnshire Regiment Enlisted April 1915 Son of Mr and Mrs Simcoates of Ingham. Died 24<sup>th</sup> October 1918 aged 22 Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref. No. LXV1.K.2 <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### **Ernest SPURR**

Private 48613 20<sup>th</sup> Btn. Sherwood Forresters Enlisted May 1916 Son of Mr and Mrs Spurr of Ingham Lincoln Died from his wounds 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 aged 20. Buried Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenier Cemetery Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref. Plot 11. Row C Grave 21 <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### William STORR

Private William Storr 12826 Lincolnshire Regiment Son of William and Sarah Storr of Ingham Resident of Owmby Died in Bracebridge Hospital 4<sup>th</sup> October 1924 aged 37 Buried in Ingham Churchyard Campaign and Family Details

#### **George STOWE**

Private George William Stowe 27544 West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own) 1<sup>st</sup> Garrison Btn. Son of William and Elizabeth Stowe of Ingham Killed in action 26<sup>th</sup> December 1918 aged 30. Buried Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta. Grave Ref. No. BXX.4 <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### FOR THOSE WHO FELL IN THE 1939–45 WAR

#### **George CROSBY**

Pilot Officer George Crosby 40679 38 Squadron Royal Air Force Enlisted April 1938 Son of George William and Mary E Crosby of the School House Ingham Killed in action 14<sup>th</sup> April 1940. Aged 20 Remembered on Runnymede Memorial Surrey Also Ingham War Memorial. <u>Campaign and Family Details</u>

#### On the following pages are details of the War Graves and certificates Plus further information on the soldiers and their families

#### In Memory of Rifleman RAYMOND ARTHUR BIRD

554343, "D" Coy., London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles) who died age 20 on 24 August 1918 The youngest Son of Job and Millicent Louisa Bird, of the "Cottage" Ingham, Lincoln.

> Remembered with honour DAOURS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION



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## **Raymond BIRD**

Private Raymond Arthur Bird 55434 London Regiment, Queens Westminster Rifles. Enlisted January 1917.

First campaign, France 1917, awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Raymond Bird the youngest son of Job and Millicent Bird of The Cottage Ingham.

Job Bird was a Schoolmaster at Ingham School. Raymond had two sisters Florence and Lillian and two brothers Frederick and Louis. His brother Louis was awarded the D. C. in Jan 1919 while serving in the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion, we therefore assume Louis emigrated to Canada before or during the early years of the war. Raymond was killed in France 24<sup>th</sup> August 1918 aged 20. Buried, Somme, France.

## **Obituary from the Lincoln Chronicle.**

It is with deep regret we announce the death in France of Raymond Bird, the youngest son of Mr and Mrs. Bird of Ingham. He was a native of Ingham and was educated at the village school. Prior to service he was employed in the Post Office savings Bank later moving south to take up a trainee management position in the civil service. He joined the Queens Westminsters in January and was sent to France soon after. He died in hospital in August from his wounds received in battle.

## WAR HISTORY OF THE FIRST BATTALION QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER RIFLES. 1914-1918

The battalion served on the Western Front from November 1914 with firstly 6th Division and then with 56th.

With the formation of the Territorial's in 1908 the Westminsters became 16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regt (Queen's Westminster Rifles). It was in the 2nd London Division at the outbreak of war, but left the division and landed in France on 3 Nov 1914; shortly after it was posted to 18th Brigade, 6th Division (regular) till Feb 1916 when it joined 169th Brigade of the 56th (1st London) Division which was then re-forming in France, and with which it remained to the end of the war.

For the first six months the battalion was in the Armentieres sector before moving up to the Salient at the end of May 1915. The next eight months were spent in the Ypres Salient during which time they occupied practically every portion of the northern half from the Ypres-Roulers railway to about a mile NW of Wieltje. Then it was down to the Somme front where, with 48th, their division took part in the disastrous attack on Gommecourt on 1 July which, according to the battalion history, cost them 600 casualties out of the 750 who went into action. Subsequently they were in action in other Somme battles, in the Arras offensive of 1917, in Third Ypres, at Cambrai, Canal du Nord and the advance to Victory. The battalion was awarded 24 battle honours and the roll of honour lists 1,219 dead.

#### In Memory of Private FREDERICK SCHOFIELD BURKITT

50630, 2nd/6th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) who died age 23 on 26 September 1917 Stepson of Edward Burkitt, of Vere St., Newport, Lincoln. Native of Ingham, Lincs.

#### **Remembered with honour NEW IRISH FARM CEMETERY**



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**Fred BURKITT** 

Private Frederick Schofield Burkitt 50630 Sherwood Forresters (Notts. And Derby Regiment) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Served in France during 1916 Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Buried New Irish Farm Cemetery St, Jean-les-Ypres Belguim

#### WAR HISTORY OF THE FIRST AND SECOND BATTALIONS THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE REGIMENT) IN THE GREAT WAR

Both battalions fought on the Western Front the 1st, which came from India, from mid -October 1914 with 8th Division, the 2nd from September 1914 with 6th Division.

When war broke out the 1st Battalion was in Bombay and sailed for home on 3" Sep 1914, arriving on 2nd October and joining the newly formed regular division, the 8th. They landed in France on 5th November 1914 taking part in the battles of Neuve Chapelle, Aubers Ridge and Loos. Both the regiment's VCs were won by the 1st Battalion, at Neuve Chapelle and during the Aubers Ridge battle. The battalion's played a major part on the Somme, at Third Ypres, at Vipers Bretonneux and the Chemin des Dames in 1918, and the Second Battle of Arras.

The 2nd Battalion in August 1914 was stationed in Sheffield, part of the 18th Brigade of the 6th Division which was widely dispersed with two brigades in Ireland and one in Northern Command. They landed in France in September 1914 and after taking part in the Battle of the Aisne moved north to the Ypres salient where the division stayed for the next thirteen months sustaining some 11,000 casualties before moving down to the Somme. The battalion fought at Lens in June/July 1917 suffering losses of a quarter of its trench strength, and it was also at Cambrai.

After the war a memorial tower was erected at the summit of Crich Cliff, near Ripley, to be seen for miles around. The account of its opening, on 6th August of some unspecified year is reproduced from the Derbyshire Advertiser: it commemorates 11,409 of the Regiment who died in the Great War and the 140,000 who served in its thirty-two battalions

## In Memory of Private Henry Bristow

## 164043 Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died aged 31 on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1920Remembered with honour INGHAM (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD



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# HARRY BRISTOW

Private Harry Bristow 164043 Kings Own Light Infantry

First campaign France January 1915. Awarded British war Medal, Victory Medal and 1914/14 Star..

Known as Henry Bristow born in Ingham son of John and Mary Bristow. John was registered as a Bricklayer and had lived in the village prior to 1900.

There were six children in the family, three girls, Florence, Edith and Mary, and three boys, Thomas ,William and Henry.

Henry died from malaria December 1920 aged 31. Buried in Ingham Churchyard.

## **Obituary from the Lincoln Chronicle**

With much regret we record the death from malaria of Mr Henry Bristow, late of the Kings Own Yorkshire Regiment, and the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bristow, which occurred on Friday week at the age of 31.

At the outbreak of the war the deceased was with his regiment in the Bermudas, and afterwards saw much active service in France and elsewhere. Though never wounded he contracted malaria, and for some time was in hospital in Salonika.

Amid manifestations of respect and sorrow the funeral took place at Ingham on Tuesday afternoon, the vicar (Rev. J.F.F. Cudmore) officiating. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. John Bristow (father and mother) Mrs. Harper (sister), Miss M. Bristow (sister), Messrs. William and Tom Bristow (brothers). Mr. and Mrs. Birdsall (brother in law and sister) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bristow (uncle and aunt.)

The floral tokens included on from the ex-Service men of Ingham and another from the members of Ingham Football Club.

# WAR HISTORY OF THE KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

13 battalions of the regiment that saw action, all on the Western Front with one going on to Salonika and one to Italy.

Like many of the infantry regiments of the line the KOYLI began the war with five battalions: the 1st and 2nd (in Singapore and Dublin respectively); the 3rd Special Reserve at the Depot in Pontefract, and two Territorial battalions, the 4th in Wakefield and the 5th in Doncaster. Subsequently the two TF battalions each raised second and third line battalions, both the former (2/4th and 2/5th) went to France, and ten Service or Reserve battalions were also raised, numbered 6th to 15th. Of these, the 6th to 10th and thel2th were formed in August/September 1914 and went on active service, while the 15th was formed in France in June 1918. All these battalions served on the Western Front, two of them also served on other fronts - the 1st in Salonika and the 8th in Italy. Fifty-nine battle honours were awarded, 9447 all ranks died and eight VCs were won. The 2nd Battalion (13th Brigade, 5th Division) to Mons to January 1915 when the 1st Battalion arrived with the newly formed 28th Division. Then the move from Singapore to their first couple of months in the trenches, to early April 1915..

#### In Memory of

#### **Private ALFRED EAST**

#### 2058, 6th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died age 30 on 22 August 1917 Husband of Alice May East, of Lincoln Rd., Branston, Lincoln. Remembered with honour TYNE COT MEMORIAL



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#### ALFRED EAST

Private Alfred East 2058 Lincolnshire Regiment. Enlisted June 1916, first campaign france 1916. Awarded British War medal and Victory Medal. Alfred EAST is named on the Ingham war Memorial and is also named on the memorial at Branston Lincoln.

Married to Alice May East and lived at Branston Road, Branston. He was employed as a gravedigger in Lincoln.

Alfred was the stepson of John and Mary Atkinson of Ingham Cliff where he lived before he was married, his brothers John and Charles East were also stepsons of the Atkinsons who had three of their own children John, Phylis and Edith.

In the 1901 census (when Alfred was 14 years old) his occupation was registered as a gamekeeper.

#### **Obituary from the Lincoln Chronicle.**

The sad news of the death of Pte. Alfred East, killed in action August 22nd 1918. The young soldier was called up in June 1916 joined the Lincolns and was in training at Usworth in Durham. He was drafted to France the following September. The last letter was received by his wife on August 22"d the same day he was killed, stating he would be home any day on leave, which seemed to make it all the sadder. He leaves a wife and one child for whom much sympathy is felt.

A memorial service was held by the Rev. C H Henning in Branston Church many relatives and friends being in attendance.

The officer commanding the platoon said " It is my painful duty to Inform you of the death of your husband from enemy shell fire about 6.0 clock on the 22nd of August, Death was instantaneous. On behalf of the officers and his comrades I beg to offer our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement. He is a sad loss to the platoon and mourned by all. He is buried near where he so bravely met his death."

# THE LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

Ten battalions of the Regiment went on active service

When war broke out in August 1914 the Lincolnshire Regiment consisted of two Regular, one Special Reserve and two Territorial Battalions; during the course of the war a further 14 Battalions were raised including a Labour Battalion (12th). Ten went on active service, all on the Western Front; one of them (6th) was also at Gallipoli. The total dead amounted to 8,800; three VCs were won and 58 Battle Honours awarded. The 6th Battalion was formed in August 1914 at Grantham with a large number of recruits from Lincoln. Originally quartered at Belton Park and sailed from Liverpool 1st July 1915. Fought in Gallipoli, later moved to the Somme in September 1915. Involved in the Battle of Thiepual Ridge in September 1916 later moved out of line and back into action April 1917 for the Battle of Messines. The battalion later fought at Cockcroft and attacked Bulow Farm on the 22"d August where Private Alfred East was killed.

The Battalion continued in France completing its war at the Battle of Grande Honelle on 5th --7th November 1918.

In Memory of Private WILLIAM GOY 25976 Grenadier Guards who died aged 31 on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1920 Son of Mr J Goy of Ingham

Remembered with honour INGHAM (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD



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#### William GOY

Private William Goy 25976 Grenadier Guards Enlisted 1916 . First campaign France 1916. Awarded British war Medal and Victory Medal. Discharged March 1917 due to injuries received in battle. William born in Grange Lane Ingham. Eldest son of John Robert Goy and his wife Annie. Eldest of four sons William, Alfred, Arthur and Ernest. Also two sisters Nellie and Jessie.

William started work at the age of 14 years old as an Under Groom. After the war resided of 22, Kingsley St. Lincoln Died from his wounds 13<sup>th</sup> December 1919 aged 34. Buried Ingham Churchyard

#### **Obituary from the Lincoln Chronicle.**

#### DEMISE

We deeply regret to record the death of William Goy on the 13th December from consumption. The deceased who was the eldest son of Mr J Goy of Ingham. Joined the Grenadier Guards at the start of the war and for some time was on active service in France. His health broke down and he was invalided home and later discharged as unfit for service. Amid great sorrow and regret the funeral took place at Ingham on Saturday. The vicar J Cudmore officiating.

The chief mourners were Mrs W Goy (Widow) Mr and Mrs J Goy (father and Mother) Mr Alfred Goy and Mr Arthur Goy, Mr and Mrs E Goy with many other mourners and sympathising villagers. There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends.

#### In Memory of Private C T LANCASTER

#### 40911, 10th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died age 20 on 29 April 1917 Son of Charles T. and Lucy J. Lancaster, of Middle Manton, Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

## Remembered with honour AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION



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## **Charles LANCASTER**

Private Charles T Lancaster 40911 Lincolnshire Regiment.

First campaign France June 1915. Awarded Victory Medal, British War Medal and 1915 Star.

Charles was born in Claxby, father Charles T and wife Lucy J Lancaster. His father was a farmworker Charles was the eldest son with a sister Elsie and sister Lucy.

Died from his wounds 29<sup>th</sup> April 1917 Buried Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension

#### **OBITUARY from the Lincs. Chronicle**

#### His Major wrote, to Mr and Mrs Lancaster

It is with great sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of your son Pte. C T Lancaster, he was severely wounded on the 28<sup>th</sup> April and died soon afterwards. Please accept our dear sympathy for your sad loss. Your son was a splendid soldier, I hope you will draw some solace from the knowledge that he died fighting for King and Country. The deceased was 20 years old enlisted 20<sup>th</sup> December 1914. Much sympathy is felt for the parents and relations in their sad loss.

#### **THE LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918**

Ten battalions of the Regiment went on active service

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The 10th Battalion was formed in August 1914 from Winteringham Secondary School old Boys with 52 volunteers and a further influx from a school in Humberstone. These joined with men from Grimsby became known as the Grimsby Chums. This later grew into a force of 1000 men who trained on the Brocklesbey Estate near Grimsby. This unit joined with other groups to become part of the 34th Division of the Lincolnshire Regiment. The Chums embarked to France 4th January 1916. to the Battle of the Somme. In their first action 502 were killed out of a force of 1000 men. In April 1917 the unit was devastated with losses of 420 dead on an attack on the fortified town of Rioux. It was in this battle that Private Lancaster was killed. The 10th was later disbanded in May 1918 with remaining men joining other units. In Memory of Private GEORGE LITTLEOVER 13462, 7th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died age 31 on 12 October 1917 Son of Mr. J. Littleover, of Ingham, Lincoln. Remembered with honour TYNE COT MEMORIAL



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## **George LITTLEOVER**

Private George Littleover 13462 7<sup>th</sup> Btln. Lincolnshire Regiment. First campaigned in Balkans 1915.

Served in France 1915 awarded 1914/15 Star, British war Medal and Victory Medal.

George Littleover eldest son of Joseph Littleover an agricultural worker living in Ingham. George had two younger brothers Charles and John.

Killed in action 12th October 1917.

Buried Tyne Cot memorial, Zonnebeke Belguim

#### **Obituary from the Lincs. Chronicle.**

News has been received by Mr J Littleover that his eldest son Pte. George Littleover of the Lincolnshire Regiment was killed in action on October 12<sup>th</sup> in France. Private Littleover who was 27 years of age, joined the colours at the outbreak of the war, and saw much active service in Gallipoli, wither he was invalided home. Subsequently he was sent to France where he was twice wounded in the leg. On his recovery he rejoined his regiment early in the year, and has now made the supreme sacrifice, " meeting his death" his officer says " fighting bravely for a just and noble cause" Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved father in his great loss.

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The 7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Was formed in Lincoln September 1914.Later became part of the 51<sup>st</sup>Brigade 17<sup>th</sup> Division and saw much service in France on the Western Front.

In Memory of Private E MURR 1775, 1st, Lincolnshire Yeomanry who died age 29 on 30 July 1919 Remembered with honour INGHAM (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD



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## **Edwin MURR**

Private Edwin Murr known as Edward Murr 1st Lincolnshire Yeomanry 1775

First campaigned in Egypt 1915 awarded 1915 Star, British war Medal and Victory Medal.

Edwin Murr was the Stepson of Mr Aaron Clarke of Ingham and his wife Annie Clarke from Suffolk. His brother George Murr, two years younger than Edwin was also a stepson of Aaron Clarke.

Aaron Clarke had two children of his own Elsie Clarke and Charles Clark

## **Obituary from the Lincs. Chronicle.**

With much regret we record the death of Trooper Edwin Murr Which occurred at the Belton Park Military Hospital aged 28 years the deceased who was the stepson of Mr Aaron Clarke of Ingham joined the Lincolnshire Yeomanry at the outbreak of the war and was on the S.S. Mercian when the vessel was shelled . He served for some time in Egypt and was later invalided home suffering from tubercolosis. The funeral took place at Ingham on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of sympathising villages.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and the chief mourners were Mr Aaron Clarke, Miss Elsie Clark and Charles Clarke. What was sadder the family buried Edwins brother George six months previous who had also died of his wounds.

A contingent of soldiers from the Lincolnshire Barracks were present, they fired three volleys over the grave and a buglar sounded " The Last Post".

Buried next to his brother George Murr in Ingham Churchyard.

#### WAR HISTORY OF THE FIRST BATTALION LINCOLNSHIRE YEOMANRY 1914-1918

The Lincolnshire Yeomanry was formed August 1914 in the city of Lincoln.

In September 1914 the Battalion joined the North Midland Mounted Brigade.

In October 1915 the Brigade shipped out to Salonika but orders received while at sea diverted the Brigade to Egypt where they served until April 1916.

The role of the Army in Egypt was to protect the Suez Canal from the Turks who were allies of the Germans. The Suez Canal was a vitally important supply route to the Western Front and the Yeomanry saw action in what is now Saudi Arabia, Syria, Israel and Jordon.

In April 1916 the Brigade was redesignated 22" Mounted Brigade attached to Western Front Force.

In April 1918 the Brigade dismounted and joined the First Artillery Machine Gun Corps remaining in France until the end of the war. In Memory of Gunner G MURR 68037, 3rd Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 05 May 1919 Remembered with honour INGHAM (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD



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#### George MURR

Gunner George Murr Royal Garrison Artillery 68037.

First campaign France 1916. Awarded British Medal and Victory Medal.

George Murr was the Stepson of Mr Aaron Clarke of Ingham and his wife Annie Clarke from Suffolk. His brother Edwin Murr, two years older than George was also a stepson of Aaron Clarke.

Aaron Clarke had two children of his own Elsie Clarke and Charles Clark

## **Obituary from the Lincs. Chronicle.**

It is with deep regret we record the death of Gunner George Murr. R.G.A. which occurred on Saturday at the Bradford Military Hospital in the 26<sup>th</sup> year of his age. The deceased who is the stepson of Mr Aaron Clarke of Ingham joined the colours in 1913, and has seen much active service, being wounded in the summer of 1917. Early in 1918 he rejoined his unit in France and was invalided home just three weeks ago.

The funeral took place at Ingham on Thursday afternoon in front of a large number of parishioners.

The service conducted by the vicar Rev. Cudmore was fully choral and the hymns "Brief Life is Here our Portion" and "Peace Perfect Peace" were sung by the choir. The chief mourners were Mr Aaron Clarke, Miss Elsie Clarke and Master Charles Clarke. The coffin covered by the Union Jack was borne to the grave by four members of the Lincolnshire Regiment. Three volleys were sounded over the grave and the buglar sounded "The Last Post".

Buried next to his brother Edwin in Ingham Churchyard.

## WAR HISTORY OF THE HEAVY BATTERY ROYAL GARRISON ARTIL-LERY

Originally formed in 1914 and known as the Honourable Battalion the first heavy battery of the New Armies to be raised after the outbreak of war. The battery went to France at the beginning of May 1915 when it was equipped with 4.7 guns but in June 1917 it was reequiped with 60 pounders just in time for the Somme.

Artillery was a battle winner it caused the greatest loss of life and the most dreadful wounds.

The Royal Garrison Artillery was responsible for the large calibre Guns and howitzers that were positioned some way behind the front lines and was stationed on the Western Front for most of the war.

# In Memory of Corporal WILLIAM LAWSON MUSGRAVE 70103, 31st Bn., Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment) who died age 23 on 09 July 1917 Son of Ellen Musgrave, of 3847, 15th Avenue West, Vancouver, British Columbia, and the late William Musgrave. Native of Lincoln, England. Remembered with honour FOSSE No.10 COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, SAINS-EN<sup>®</sup> GOH ELLE



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## William MUSGRAVE

Private William Musgrave correct No. 79103 Enlisted Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in Canada 16<sup>th</sup> November 1914.

William Musgrave the son of William and Ellen Musgrave of Ingham Cliff Farm Ingham. Brother James and sister Helen.

At some time the family or part of the family emigrated to Canada as when William was killed he was serving with the Canadian Infantry Regiment. He was also registered as a Canadian National, and his mothers address was in Vancouver.

Died July 1917 Buried Fosse No 10 Communal Cemetery Extension, Sains —En- Gohelle, France. In Memory of Private JOSEPH WILLIAM SIMCOATES 201166, 1st/5th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died age 22 on 24 October 1918 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Simcoates; husband of M. E. Simcoates, of The Hall, Boothby Graffoe, nr. Lincoln. Native of Ingham, nr. Lincoln. Remembered with honour ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY



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#### John SIMCOATES

Private Joseph Simcoates 201166 Lincolnshire Regiment.

First campaigned in France 1916.

Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Registered as Joseph Simcoates born in Hackthorn, later the family moved to Ingham . His father Charles was an Agricultural

Labourer, married to Mary. Joseph had two sisters Hilda and

Lucy, a niece named Elsie Green also lived with the family.

Killed in action 24<sup>th</sup> October 1918 Buried Etaples Military Cemetery.

## **Obituary from the Lincs. Chronicle**

#### **SOLDIERS DEATH**

News has been received by Mr and Mrs Simcoates of this village that their only son, Private Joseph Simcoates had died from Bronchial pneumonia at the fourth General Hospital in France on 4<sup>th</sup> October at the age of 22. The deceased joined the Lincolnshire Regiment in 1915 and went to France in 1916 where he had seen much active service being wounded once in the leg. Much sympathy is felt for his bereaved family

# **THE LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918**

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When war broke out in August 1914 the Lincolnshire Regiment consisted of two Regular, one Special Reserve and two Territorial Battalions; during the course of the war a further 14 Battalions were raised including a Labour Battalion (12th). Ten went on active service, all on the Western Front; one of them (6th) was also at Gallipoli. The total dead amounted to 8,800; three VCs were won and 58 Battle Honours awarded.

The 1<sup>st</sup> to 5th Battalion formed in Lincoln August 1914 and became part of the 46<sup>th</sup> North Midlands Division and moved to France February 1915.

The Division suffered a large number of casualties in it's first large scale action at Hohenzollern Redoubt. In December 1915 the Division was ordered to Egypt arriving 13<sup>th</sup> January 1916. Eight days later the Division was ordered to France arriving in time for the attack on the Gornmecourt Salient the first phase of the Battle of the Somme.

The Battalion remained in France until the end of the war in 1918.





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# Ernest SPURR.

Private Ernest Spurr 48613 20<sup>th</sup> Btln. Sherwood Forresters.

First campaign France 1916 Awarded British war Medal and Victory Medal.

Registered as Charles Ernest Spurr born in Bransby, son of George Spurr also born in Bransby. Wife Sarah with son George who was ten years older than Ernest. Also six sisters, Betsy, Beatrice, Bertha, Mabel, Elsie and Grace. The family moved to Rose Cottage, Ingham, sometime between 1901 and 1916.

**Obituary from the Lincoln Chronicle.** 

DEATH

A general feeling of sadness was felt in the village on Wednesday when the

news was received that Private C. E. Spurr had died in the hospital at St Omer in France on July 1<sup>st</sup> from a gunshot wound.

It was only in May last that Private Spurr who was 20 years of age joined the Notts. and Derbyshire Regiment, and on June 21<sup>st</sup> was drafted with his company to France. Much sympathy is extended to his bereaved family in their great loss. The parents have received an expression of sympathy from the King and Queen, and also from the sister-in-charge at the hospital. — Dear Madam — I am sorry to tell you the sad news that your dear boy Private C E Spurr passed away this afternoon at 1pm. Please accept my sincere sympathy. I know how hard it must be for you being so far away from him. He had every care and attention but from the beginning there was *very* little hope. It will comfort you to know he suffered no pain. 1 was talking to him just a short while before he died and asked if he had any pain and he said "No" He then went to sleep and passed away in his sleep.

Although he was with us for only a few days we had all become so fond of him. He was such a dear, bright boy, and always so grateful for everything we did for him.

May God grant you his comfort.

#### WAR HISTORY OF THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE REGIMENT) IN THE GREAT WAR

Private Spurr enlisted in the Regiment in May 1917 and was drafted to France on the 21° June. He was wounded near St Omer eight days later and died from his wounds on July 1st.

The Regiment was shipped to France in November 1914 and spent most of the War on the Western Front. The battalion's played a major part on the Somme, at Third Ypres, at Vipers Bretonneux and the Chemin des Dames in 1918, and the Second Battle of Arras. After taking part in the Battle of the Aisne moved north to the Ypres salient where the division stayed for the next thirteen months sustaining some 11,000 casualties before moving down to the Somme.The 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion was part of the Regiment in the battle at Lens in June/July 1917 suffering losses of a quarter of its trench strength, and it was also at Cam brai. After the war a memorial tower was erected at the summit of Crich Cliff, near Ripley, to be seen for miles around, it commemorates 11,409 of the Regiment who died in the Great War and the 140,000 who served in its thirtytwo battalions Private WILLIAM STORR 12826 Lincolnshire Regiment who died aged 37 4<sup>th</sup> October 1924 Son of William and Sarah Storr of Ingham

Remembered with honour INGHAM (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD



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#### William STORR

Private Wiliam Storr 12826 Lincolnshire Regiment

First campaign, Balkans July 1915, awarded 1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

William was the son of William an Agricultural Labourer and Sarah Storr of Ingham. William was the eldest son of five boys, Albert, Ernest, Percy and Herbert. Eliza Neave a boarder also lived at the house and was a music teacher by profession.

Williams father also named William was Sexton at Ingham Church for fourty years, he died aged 88 years old.

William was a resident of Owmby after the war.

Died in Bracebridge Hospital on 4th October 1924 aged 37, buried in Ingham Churchyard. Williams brother Percy was also in the war and in June 1917 was reported missing, killed in action. A memorial service was held in Ingham Church. A few months later his parents received a letter from Percy saying he was a prisoner of war and all was well. He

survived the war and was reunited with his family at the end of hostilities. The Lincoln Chronicle reported on the memorial service that two of Percy's older brothers were fighting in Salonika.

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## **George STOWE**

Private George W Stowe 27544 West Yorkshire Regiment. First campaign France 1916. Awarded British war Medal and Victory Medal

Son of William Stowe born in Springthorpe, the family later moved to Ingham. William was an Agricultural Worker with a wife Elizabeth, six daughters and two sons. Daughters Anne, Mary, Clare, Elizabeth, Bertha and Kathleen. Sons George and John. In the 1901 census George was employed as a Horse Boy on the farm at 13 years old. Killed in action 26<sup>th</sup> December 1918, buried Pieta Military

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THE 1<sup>St</sup> Garrison Battalion. WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT (PRINCE OF WALES OWN) IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

The West Yorkshire Regiment was originally formed in 1685. The First Garrison Btn. Formed in August 1914 later combined with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. In March 1916.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Btn. Was part of the original Expeditionary Force at the start of the War. Following a short tour in France the Btn. Moved to Malta where it remained for the duration of the war.

The Regiment grew to 37 Btn, of which 24 saw action overseas, 1300 names may be seen in the Regimental Chapel in York Minster.

In Memory of Pilot Officer GEORGE LESLIE CROSBY 40679, 38 Sqdn., Royal Air Force who died age 20 on 14 April 1940 Son of George William and Mary E. Crosby, of Lincoln. Remembered with honour RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL



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## **George CROSBY**

Killed, missing in action 14<sup>th</sup> April 1940 Son of Mr and Mrs Crosby of Ingham

## **OBITUARY from the Lines Chronicle**

A gloom was cast over Ingham this village last week when an Air Ministry Telegram reported as missing after an air raid in Scandanavia, Pilot Officer George Crosby eldest son of Mr and Mrs Crosby of the School House, Ingham. George's father was the Headmaster at Ingham School. George had lived in the village since he was two years old and for some years was a pupil at the City School in Lincoln. He joined the Air Force early in 1938. Remembered Ingham War Memorial

