

Pt. Herbert Farmer

Name	Herbert Edmund FARMER
Birth Place	Bugbrooke
Occupation 1911	Soldier
Date of Birth	Second quarter of 1892
Date Enlisted	12 October 1910

Herbert Farmer was a Bugbrooke born soldier killed in action and the first we have found to be missed off the War Memorial in Church

Parents	Edmund & Annie Maria
Married	Single



Herbert was the second of 4 children born in Bugbrooke to Edmund and Marie. Edmund was a labourer from Northampton, and Marie was born in Bugbrooke. Herbert enlisted in 3rd Battalion (Special Reserve), the Northamptonshire Regiment on 12 October 1910, allocated number 9001. The following year he volunteered for the regular army and was accepted into the same regiment on 13 January 1911, re-numbered as 9281. After training at the regimental depot, on 15 March he was posted to the 1st Battalion.

By the time of the census on 2 April that year, Herbert was a patient in the Military Hospital at Stoke, in Devonport (Plymouth), being discharged on 21 April. It is not clear from the damaged record if that was just from hospital or from the army. His parents were living at 5 Tithe Street, Weedon, at this time. However, by early 1915, having been re-numbered as 12859, Herbert was with the Regiment and on 25 March joined the 2nd Battalion, which had been in France since 5 November 1914. He was wounded on 9 May during a day of intense activity, succumbing to those wounds some two weeks later, in England.

According to the official War Diary for 9 May 1915, the 2nd Northamptons were in the forefront of a Brigade attack on Aubers Ridge, with the Battalion attacking 'the Salient' from 5.50am.



Aubers Ridge