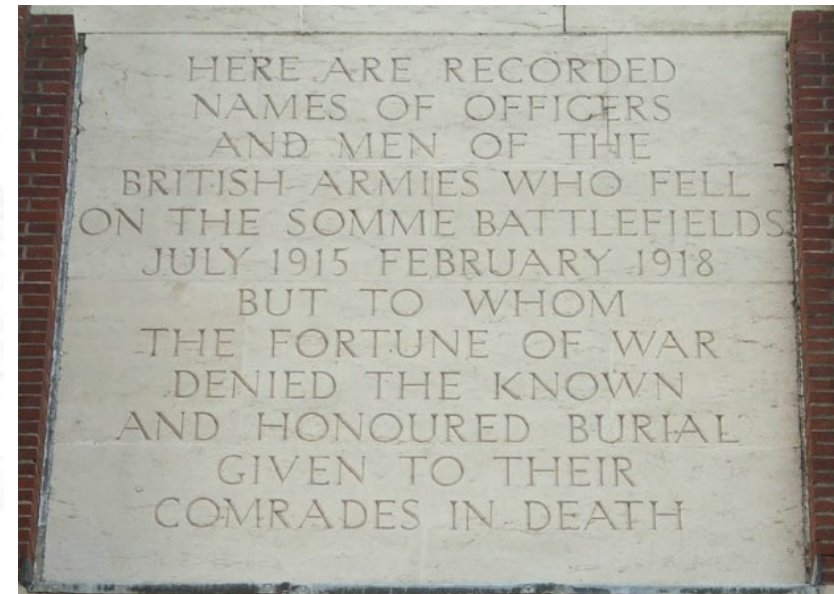


Pte. Mark W Clarke

Name	Mark W Clarke
Birth Place	Bugbrooke
Occupation 1911	Soldier (Pte)
Date of Birth	1888 approx.
Date Enlisted	



CLARKE, M. W., Private, 1st Northants. Regt.
Mobilised at the outbreak of war he was at once sent to France, where he fought in the Retreat from Mons, and at the Battles of the Marne, the Aisne, Ypres, Aubers Ridge, Festubert, Loos and Albert. He was unfortunately killed in action on the Somme on July 19th, 1916, and was entitled to the Mons Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.
"Whilst we remember, the sacrifice is not in vain."
Bugbrooke, Northants. Z3272 /B.



Detail from the Thiepval Memorial, which commemorates Mark Clarke.

No 7888 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment.

The 6th child of 7, Mark lived with his parents in Big Lane (Great Lane). His father was a shepherd in 1891, and both parents together with all children were born in Bugbrooke. 10 years later, his father was a gardener, and Mark at 13 was an agricultural labourer.

Both Mark and his younger brother Walter were soldiers in 1911, and clearly joined up at the same time as the closeness of their service numbers testify. They served together in the 1st Battalion of the Northants Regiment, and both were killed.