

Private ERNEST FREAR JELLEY

Ernest was born in Walcote in the Spring of 1896. The 1911 census shows him living with his father Elisha, a gardener, his mother Margaret, an elder brother and a younger sister. Ernest was working as an errand boy for a grocer.

He enlisted with the 1st Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment, "the Tigers". On 20 September 1918 his Battalion was near Holnon in Flanders. The enemy was steadily shelling the Battalion area and covering the front-line system with machine guns, precluding any movement. The Battalion was relieved during the night but by this time Ernest was amongst the dead. He was 22 years of age. There were just 52 days to go until the end of the war.

Ernest's final resting place is not known but he is commemorated at the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.



*At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*