

# Corporal JOHN HENRY STANILAND

Henry, as he seems to have been known, was born in 1883 in Whissendine in Rutland, the son of George, a farmer and publican. At 19 he was working as a footman at Clifton Hall in Nottinghamshire but by 1911 he was living with his brother in Birdingbury, near Rugby, and working as a grazier. At some stage his parents, and possibly Henry, moved to Yew Tree Farm, Walcote.

He enlisted in Lutterworth with the Durham Light Infantry and then transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers where he was posted to the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion which landed at Le Havre on 22 November 1915. It was a Pioneer Battalion involved in engineering works and clearing and repairing tracks.

He took part in the Battle of Poelcappelle, part of the Third Battle of Ypres, better known as Passchendaele. The drainage system in the lines had been destroyed and torrential rain made the conditions swamp-like. We do not know how he died but records show that he was killed in action on 16 October 1917. Now a Corporal he was just 24. He is commemorated at the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium.



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