



**Private Sidney Worthington - 8184**



2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Killed in action 20<sup>th</sup> November 1914

Age 24

Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Cuinchy,  
Pas de Calais, France. Plot, 4 Row B, Grave 19

Burbage War Memorial

Hinckley War Memorial

Hinckley United Reform Church Memorial

Leicestershire Regiment's Roll of Honour

Leicester Cathedral

Born in Hinckley on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1890, Sidney was the second child of the four surviving children of Fredrick and Elizabeth Worthington.

For over twenty years, the family lived at Curzon Terrace on Factory Road, Hinckley. Sydney would have attended the nearby Albert Road School.

On the census of 1901, his Father, Fredrick, was working in the Shoe Industry as a Shoe Finisher. On leaving school, in about 1903, Sydney followed his Father into the Shoe Factory.

In July 1907, Sidney joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicestershire Regiment as a Regular Soldier. By 1911, he had been promoted to a Lance Corporal and was serving with the Regiment in India. He later lost his stripe because of conduct prejudicial to military order and discipline.

Whilst in India he also suffered sunstroke.

At sometime after 1911 his Father, Fredrick, changed employment and worked for the Urban District Council as a Sewerage Farm Labourer. This would be at the Works behind Sketchley Dye Works. To be near his employment the family moved to one of the Dyeworks Cottages on the Rugby Road.

At the outbreak of War in 1914, Sidney, would have been part of the first Expeditionary Forces sent to France in September 1914.

The War Diary for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Leicestershire Regiment on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1914 records that the battalion were being heavily sniped but working to make the trenches more secure and watertight. This was near a farm 600 yards from the front line in the Region of Cuinchy in France. Despite sniping only one person was killed that day – Sidney Worthington.

His father, received £1.14s 8d Gratuity following the death of his son and a further £5 Gratuity in 1919.

Sidney Worthington's name was later added to the side panel of the Burbage War Memorial, misleadingly under the men who had died from the effects of the War. It is believed that along with Privates Fred Newman and James Trevor Allen who also lived at the Dye Works Cottages and these were not in the centre of the village, the three names had accidentally been omitted at the original construction of the Memorial in 1921.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WORTHINGTON	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leic R	Pte	8184
Sidney			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	F/102 <sup>83</sup>	221	
BRITISH	do	do	
14 STAR	6629 7/2/2	21	Arm A
-clasp 2/2691			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein 12-10-14			

Medal Card



Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais

Return of all Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Trumpeters, Drummers and Rank and File.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	
								AGE (last birthday)	CONDITION as to MARRIAGE
1	Thomas Alfred Norman	Pte	Single	27		Private			
2	Henry Meary	Pte	Single	22		Private			
3	Richard W. Thompson	Act Sergeant	Single	21		Act Sergeant			
4	George Henry Kirby	Pte	Single	27		Private			
5	John Seabrook	Act Sergeant	Single	21		Act Sergeant			
6	James William Hemmings	Pte	Single	21		Private			
7	Best Richard	Pte	Single	21		Private			
8	Edward William Smith	Pte	Single	21		Private			
9	William James Cole	Pte	Single	17		Private			
10	John Edward	Pte	Single	21		Private			
11	William Rogers	Pte	Single	21		Private			
12	John William Syde	Pte	Single	21		Private			
13	Ernest Gerrard	Pte	Single	21		Private			
14	Arthur Swinburn	Pte	Single	27		Private			
15	George Scott	Pte	Single	21		Private			
16	William Morris	Pte	Single	21		Private			
17	Arthur Richard	Pte	Single	21		Private			
18	Thomas Wood	Pte	Single	19		Private			
19	Joseph Hawthorne	Pte	Single	21		Private			
20	John Smith	Pte	Single	21		Private			
21	Arthur William Williams	Pte	Single	21		Private			
22	George William Edward	Pte	Single	21		Private			
23	Arthur Butler	Pte	Single	22		Private			
24	Henry Edwards	Pte	Single	18		Private			
25	William Boyd Harrison	Pte	Single	27		Private			
26	Edmund Carrivick	Pte	Single	23		Private			
27	Ernest Woodhead	Pte	Single	21		Private			
28	John Thomas Allen	Act Sergeant	Single	25		Act Sergeant			
29	John Harry Fisher	Pte	Single	27		Private			
30	Frederick Goodfellow	Pte	Single	27		Private			
							Total	32	