



Private Walter Bradshaw - 17358



9th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Born in Sapcote 1895

Enlisted 10th March 1913

Killed in action 11th June 1917

Age 22

St Leger British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Burbage War Memorial

Walter was born in Sapcote in 1895, the son of Cecil and Fanny Bradshaw. By 1901 Walter was living in Aston Flamville with his parents and two younger sisters, Doris and Ada Mabel.

In 1911 Walter was employed by the Hurst family as a “Nursery Garden Boy” at the Burbage Experimental Station, Grove Road, Burbage.

Walter enlisted with the Territorial Force of the 5th Battalion of Leicestershire Regiment on 10th March 1913. He would have embarked to France in early 1914 as part of the British Expeditionary Force attached to the 9th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. By the end of 1916 the Battalion had lost 491 men.

During his time with the Leicestershire Regiment he saw service in France on the Western Front attacking the German defensive positions along the Hindenburg Line. St. Leger village was occupied by Commonwealth Troops from the middle of March 1917 and the Cemetery established and used for British Troops from March 1917 to March 1918. Walter was buried here following his death on 11 June 1917.





St Leger British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

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TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1514 Name Walter Bradshaw Corps 5/Leicestershire.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>Walter Bradshaw</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of <u>Sapcote</u> in or near the Town of <u>Sapcote</u> in the County of <u>Leicestershire</u>
3. Are you a British Subject?	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is your Age?	4. <u>17</u> Years <u>10</u> Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. <u>Farmer</u>
6. In whose employ are you?	6. <u>Mr. E. C. Finchall, Deton, Hemphill</u>
7. Where do you now reside?	7. <u>Deton, Hemphill, near Hemphill</u>
8. Are you now an Apprentice? If so, please state particulars	8. <u>No</u>
9. Are you married?	9. <u>No</u>
10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps?	10. <u>No</u>
*11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, please state Corps and names of discharge	11. <u>No</u>
12. Do you belong, or have you belonged, to any Cadet Unit?	12. <u>No</u>
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?	13. <u>No</u>
14. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning?	14. <u>Yes</u>
15. Are you willing to be attested for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services in the Territorial Force of the County of <u>Leicestershire</u>) to serve in the <u>Leicestershire</u> ?	15. <u>Yes</u>

Amendment for question 16.—Army Forms E. 501 and E. 501A (9/London County/235).

16. Do you understand—

(a) That during the first year of your original enlistment you will be required to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions prescribed for a recruit of the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join?

(b) That you will be required to complete such preliminary training by the 31st October next following your original enlistment, unless before that date you obtain permission from your Commanding Officer to complete it afterwards, but that in any case you must complete it within 12 months of your original enlistment?

(c) That in addition to such preliminary training you will be liable to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions relating to training prescribed for the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join, and be liable to be trained for not less than 4 or more than 16 days altogether, in every year, or, if belonging to a mounted branch for not less than 8, or more than 16 days altogether, in every year, as may be prescribed, and may for that purpose be called out, once or oftener, in every year?

(d) That if you, without leave or reasonable excuse, fail to attend the number of drills required to fulfil the conditions relating to preliminary or annual training prescribed for your arm or branch of the service, you render yourself liable to a fine not exceeding 25?

(e) That when a proclamation has been issued, in case of imminent national danger or great emergency, calling out the first class Army Reserve you will become liable to be embodied?

(f) That if your term of 4 years' service expires when a proclamation ordering the Army Reserve to be called out on permanent service is in force, you may be required to prolong your service for a further period not exceeding 12 months?

(g) That you will be liable to serve in any place in the United Kingdom without further agreement, but not in any place outside the United Kingdom unless you voluntarily undertake to do so?

(h) That you will be required to deliver up in good order, fair wear and tear only excepted, at such times and places as may be ordered by the Commanding Officer, all arms, clothing and appointments issued to you, being public property (including the property of the County Association) being specified, and the period of annual training in any year may be extended by an Order in Council, due notice thereof having been given, and provided that neither House of Parliament has disallowed, but the whole period of annual training shall not exceed 30 days in any year.

(Under the provisions of Section 93 of the Army Act, if a person intentionally makes a false answer to any question contained in this attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.)

I, Walter Bradshaw, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Walter Bradshaw SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
A. Frost Serjt. Inst. Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Bradshaw, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, J. Griffiths Esq. do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit Walter Bradshaw, named, that the Answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration and taken the Oath of Allegiance on this 10 day of March 1917.

J. Griffiths Esq. Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer or other person authorized to attest Recruit.

If any alteration is required in this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and have it attested under Section 93 (5), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 501A.

Enlistment Paper - Walter Bradshaw

