



Private Walter Hinton 42692



11<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Suffolk Regiment  
formerly The Royal Army Service corps.

Killed in Action 24<sup>th</sup> October 1918

Age 19

Vendegies Cross Roads Cemetery, Denain,  
France. Plot A Grave 5

Burbage War Memorial



Walter was the youngest child of the six children of Alfred and Margaret Hinton. His parents were from Weston in Northamptonshire but by the time Walter was born in 1899 the family were living at 47 Station Road, Earl Shilton Leicestershire.

In 1901 the father, Alfred was employed as a carter on a local farm along with his elder brother Mark. His mother worked as a hosiery mender. Walter may have been educated at the school on Wood Street, Earl Shilton.

Nothing can be traced of Walter or his family until 1915 when he and his parents are listed on the National Register. The family are living at White House, a farm building on the A5 (Watling Street) which was situated near to the Plough Inn which is now the present Lime Kilns Inn.



Lime Kilns Inn

Walter enlisted in Hinckley, but no date given. He would have been eligible for conscription from 1917. He may have worked with his Father as a carter probably transporting goods from the local farms or the canal which ran nearby his father's house.

He was assigned to the Royal Army Service Corps. The ASC were the unsung heroes of the war being responsible for the transportation of food equipment and ammunition of a vast army on many fronts. Using horsed and motor vehicles, railways and waterways, the ASC performed prodigious feats of logistics and were one of the great strengths of organisation by which the war was won.

At some point during the autumn of 1918 Walter was assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment. He was killed in action in the Cambri region on the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

The small cemetery of Vendegies Cross Roads was created in November 1918. Walters is one of the 48 fallen buried here.



Vendegies Cross Roads Cemetery