

PRIVATE WALTER HINTON

Service Number: 42692

11th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment

formerly The Royal Army Service Corps.

Killed in Action 24th October 1918, Aged 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.



Figure 166 Lime Kilns Inn



Figure 167 Royal Army Service Corps



Figure 168 Vendegies Cross Roads Cemetery

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 on the canal, which ran near 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 for 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 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. He was killed in action in the Cambrai region on the 24th October. The small cemetery of Vendegies Cross Roads was created in November 1918. Walter is one of the 48 fallen buried here.