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TO THE HONOUR OF
THE BRAVE MEN WHO LEFT
THIS VILLAGE TO FIGHT
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918.

BLISS.	W.
BETT.	T. C.
EYF.	A. R.
HARD.	C.
HA. D.	R. C.
TYE.	J. W.
RYE.	T. W.
JOHN'S DA.	S. WILSON
P. LMER.	W.
PORTAS.	C.
PHILLIPS.	H. C.
QUICKSMITH.	T. H.
SILVESTER.	A.
THOMPSON.	J. E.
THOMPSON.	T. H.
TRIFFORD.	G. P.
TRIFFORD.	C. S.
WRIGHT.	S. A. WILSON

ELIZABETH MARY,
THE BELOVED WIFE OF
JOHN WRIGHT,
WHO DIED AUG. 25TH 1916,
AGED 60 YEARS.

SYDNEY ARNOLD,
SON OF J. & E. M. WRIGHT,
WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION
IN FRANCE JULY 3RD 1916,
AGED 19 YEARS.



In Memory Of

Private

SYDNEY ARNOLD WRIGHT

Service Number: 14624

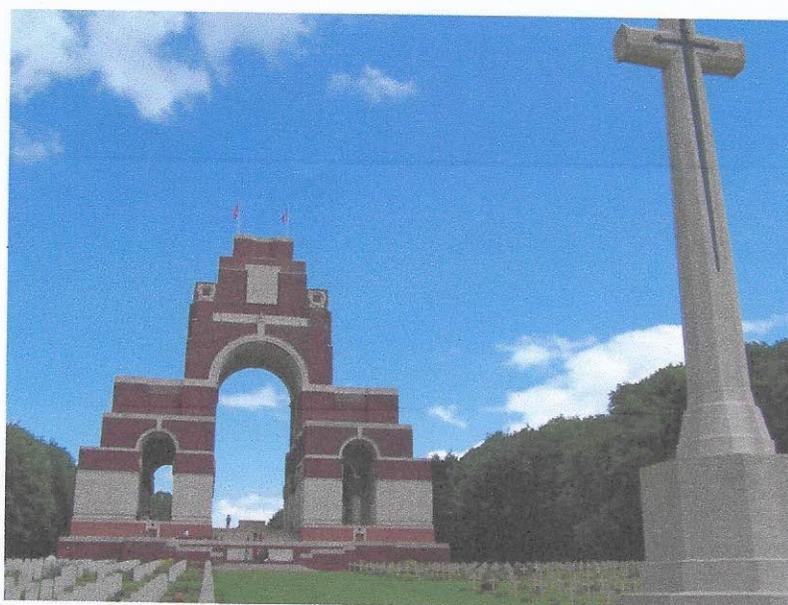
8th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died on 03 July 1916 Age 19

Brother of Mr. L. M. Wright, of The Elms, Avingham, Louth, Lincs. Enlisted 1914.

Remembered with Honour

THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

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In Memory Of

Private

SIDNEY JOHNSON

Service Number: 15294

1st Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died on 01 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

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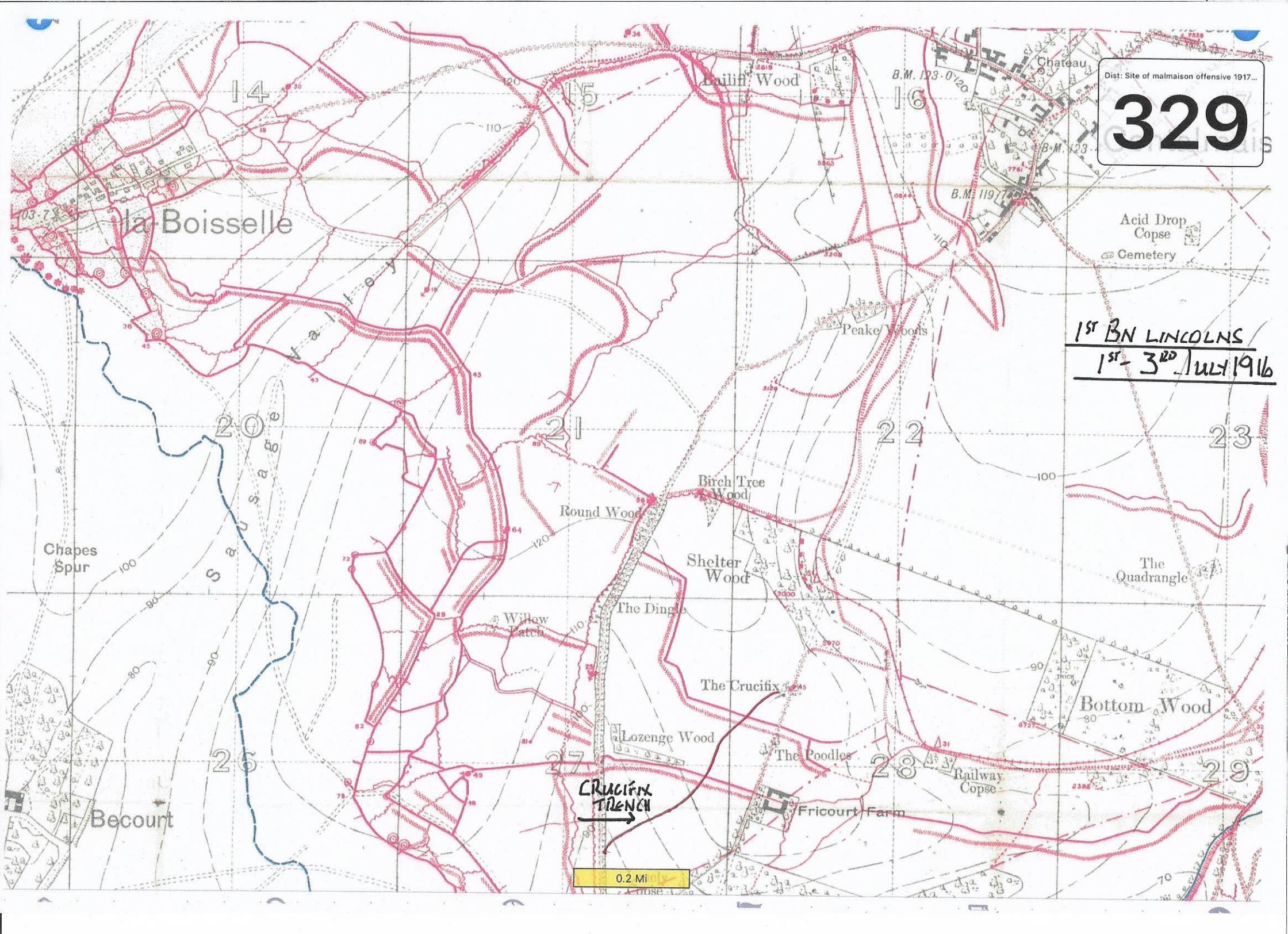
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1st BN LINCOLNS
1st - 3rd JULY 1916



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**CRUCIFIX
TRENCH**
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La Boisselle

Bailiff Wood

Chateau

Acid Drop Copse
Cemetery

Peake Woods

Birch Tree Wood

Round Wood

Shelter Wood

The Dingle

Willow Patch

The Crucifix

Lozenge Wood

The Poodles

Fricourt Farm

Bottom Wood

The Quadrangle

Railway Copse

Chapes Spur

Sausage

Becourt

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HISTORY OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT

front line opposite Fricourt, where they relieved the 6th Dorsets of the 50th Brigade.

PTE S.A. WRIGHT
8th BN
KIA 3rd JULY
1916

North of Fricourt, the 8th Lincolnshire, who during the night had worked hard in consolidating the positions from Dart Alley to Lozenge Wood and Lozenge Alley on their right flank, were protected from counter-attack from Fricourt Wood by our barrage. The story of the next few days, so far as the 8th Battalion was concerned, is thus told in the Commanding Officer's own words: "In the morning our patrols reconnoitred Lonely Trench to Red Cottage and Lozenge Alley to Fricourt Farm and found all clear": the enemy had retired during the night. "We saw the attack advance through Fricourt Wood and occupy Fricourt Farm and Crucifix Trench. As our right flank was then secure, prepared Lozenge Alley for defence, facing north in case of emergency owing to the firing we heard between La Boisselle and Sausage Redoubt. This trench was made quite strong, being worked on until we got orders to move: meantime we had to pass all our S.A.A. reserve, rifle grenades and Stokes mortar ammunition to the 62nd Brigade, and our hand grenades and a squad of bombers were sent up to the 62nd Brigade together with supplies from the rear. We then received orders to move to Patch Alley, facing north with our right on Sunken Road. Arriving there we continued work of preparing the trench for defence, until we were relieved about 2 a.m. on the 4th, when we marched to Dernancourt."

From Dernancourt, the 8th Lincolnshire moved north with other units of the 63rd Brigade, first to Vaux and then to Talmas, where on the 7th of July the brigade was transferred permanently to the 37th Division.

When dawn broke on the 2nd July, the 1st Lincolnshire still held the position taken up on the 1st in Crucifix Trench and the Sunken Road. Throughout the day the battalion was heavily shelled, particularly by the enemy's heavy howitzers. An attack ordered during the evening was subsequently cancelled and the night of the 2nd/3rd July passed quietly. Fourteen other ranks were casualties during the day.

Meanwhile the 7th Battalion had been engaged. Late on the 1st July the 17th Division was ordered to clear the enemy out of Fricourt the next morning. It was learnt from prisoners brought in about 8.50 a.m. on the 2nd that the enemy was evacuating Fricourt, and the 51st Brigade (Fell) was ordered to push forward and occupy Fricourt, with Fricourt Farm and Wood as second objectives. The Lincolnshire on the right, and the South Staffords on the left led the advance of the brigade across the ground that had been the scene of such terrible slaughter the day before. The village was in a ruinous condition, but clearing its cellars

Research Gathered Relating to The War Memorial, Alvingham, Louth

W. BLADES

No Trace in 1911 Census

T.G. BETT

1911 Census lived in The Mill, Alvingham.

Mother: Alice Bett, Bn 1858 at Yarburgh

Father: William Bett,

Children: Nancy 26 yrs, Thomas 18 yrs, Roy 16 yrs, Hugh 14 yrs, Jessie 10 yrs,
Rodney 9 yrs.

NB: This is a strange one. The parents are the same names in both Census, but Hugh & Roy are not in 1901. Baby Jessie in 1911 is correct at 10 yrs. I can only assume that Thomas in 1911 is the Thomas G from the 1901 Census.

Nancy is a mystery..

1901 Census: The Millhouse, Alvingham. **Thomas G. Bett**

Alice Bett 43 yrs,

William Bett 45 yrs

Children:

Elizabeth M, 18 yrs, Annie M, 16yrs, Edna M, 14 yrs, William H, 12 years,

Dorothea M, 12 yrs, John W, 10 yrs, Lucy G, 7 yrs, Thomas G, 7 yrs,

Alfred R, 6 yrs, Robert H, 4 yrs, Mary V, 3 yrs, Jessie E, 9 months

William B Bell 25 yrs Servant

C. Hand.

1901 Census

Charles Hand Born 1898 Residing at The Hawthorns, Alvingham

1911 Census

Charles Hand, 13 yrs, a Domestic Gardner, Alvingham South.

Father Albert 34 yrs,

Mother Elizabeth 33 yrs

Charles's Siblings:

Gertrude Mabel 12 yrs, Nora Evelyn 8 yrs, Albert Ernest 2 yrs

Boarder: William Janney 58 yrs.

R. HAND (no middle initial of 'C')

1911 Census

Robert Hand Born Circa 1900. 11 yrs

Living at America Farm, Alvingham.

Father. Edward 45 yrs

Mother. Emily 35 yrs

Siblings:

Alfred 6 yrs, Doris 4 yrs, Constance 2 yrs

T.W. Hyde

No record on either T.W. or J.W. Hyde on **1911** Census

However,

Charles Hyde -Alvingham South

60 yrs

Boarder: Charles Hyde 21 yrs (originally Scamblesby)

W. Palmer

1911 Census. Willie Palmer 22 yrs

Grocer's assistant

Lives with Robert Trafford Grocer & Draper, Alvingham South
& Elizabeth Trafford.

Willie originally from Ropeley, Lincoln

C. Portas

1911 Census. Could only find Hannah Portas 82 yrs, Living in Alvingham

Phillipson H or M C

1911 Census

There are 4 pages online of Phillipsons all of whom live in Alvingham. The only One who may fit the bill was Hermon Phillipson, 15 yrs, a Farm Labourer, living. At Mill Lane, Alvingham.

T.W. Shucksmith

1901 Census places Thomas W. Shucksmith 3 yrs living at 22, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby. Father (same initials) A Stationary Engine driver in an oil and cake mill.

Living with wife Fanny

1911 Census. T.W. Shucksmith 13 yrs, lives at Alvingham South with

Father. Thomas W. 47 yrs,

Mother. Fanny 42 yrs

Siblings John W. 7 yrs, Henry S. 1 yr.

Father's sister Sarah E. Shucksmith 49 yrs

Boarder Elizabeth A. White 82 yrs

Servants: Alice T. Hand 14 yrs & Percy Mawer 20 yrs

A. Sylvester No trace in Census records

J.E. Thompson

1911 Census

John Thompson lives at Yarburgh Road, Alvingham

Aged 13 yrs

T.N. Thompson

1911 Census Thomas Neville Thompson

20 yrs, Student

No Father at home

Head of House Mother at Alvingham South

Mother Louisa

Siblings. Louisa Maria 35 years, William Arthur 34 yrs, George Herbert 28 yrs,

Henry Alfred 26 yrs and Thomas Neville

Servant: Hannah Markham 17 yrs

Percy Trafford

1911 Census

Lives Alvingham South

Single, 18 yrs

Grocer's porter

Father. Robert Trafford 57 yrs

Mother. Elizabeth Trafford 56 yrs

Siblings, Emily T. 19 yrs, Minnie 16 yrs, Owen 12 yrs

Servant: Willie Palmer 22 yrs

Those Alvingham Villagers Killed in Action in WW1 (2)

Sydney Arnold Wright 19 yrs

Private No 14624, 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. KIA 3rd July 1916

No known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, The Somme,
France Pier & Face 1.C

The 1911 Census reveals him living in Alvingham South & working in a Garden
Business.

Father: John Wright 55 yrs

Mother Elizabeth Mary Wright 54 yrs

Siblings: Grace Amelia 21 yrs, Ethel Marion 18 yrs, Leonard Morgan 11 yrs

(Please see attached extract from The History of The Lincolnshire Regiment
1914 – 1918 by Major-General C.R. Simpson C.B. P 174)

Also the Trench Map which applies to both the 8th Battalion and 1st Battalion
Lincolnshire Regiment actions on the 1st (Sidney Johnson)
Battalion and the 8th Battalion (Wright)

Sidney Johnson

Private 15294, 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment.

KIA 1st July 1916 (Somme)

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, The Somme
France, Pier & Face 1. C. (There are over 73,000 names of the Missing)

No Trace of family on 1911 Census in Alvingham.

1st Battalion casualties on 1st July 1916 were 9 officers killed, 3 other ranks
Killed, 3 missing.

Action along Crucifix Trench, Fricourt – same area as 8th Battalion

The Battle of The Somme commenced on 1st July 1916 and despite the
The ambitious objectives were to last 148 days. At the end of which, British &
Commonwealth casualties were in the region of 300,000.
On the 1st July alone, there were 60,000 casualties, 20,000 of which were fatal.

Michael Kelly BA (Hons) Hist.

August, 2023

PRIVATE
SYDNEY ARNOLD WRIGHT

Service Number: 14624

Regiment & Unit/Ship

Lincolnshire Regiment
3th Bn.

Date of Death

Died 03 July 1916
Age 19 years old

Buried or commemorated at

THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
Pier and Face 1 C.
France

Country of Service

United Kingdom

Additional Info

Brother of Mr. L. M. Wright, of The Elms, Alvingham, Louth, Lincs. Enlisted 1914.



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We are in the process of adding an image
of this casualty's point of commemoration