



HUBERT JAMES BRAIN

1887 – 1918

Hubert was born in 1887 in Snitterfield, Warwickshire, the 4th son of Charles & Ellen Brain. He became a waggoner on a farm following his father's occupation.

In 1917 he married Elizabeth Wilkins and they resided in Loxley.

He enlisted into the 14th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment No. 9257. He rose to become an acting corporal and then a sergeant. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

He died on Tuesday 8th October 1918, aged 31, and is Remembered with Honour in the Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme, France, and also on the Snitterfield War Memorial.

Stratford on Avon Herald 8th November 1918:-

SERGEANT BRAIN, LOXLEY

"This non-commissioned officer, of the 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and who was attached to the 112th Trench Mortar Battery, was killed on October 8th. He had served in France three years and three months, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in June, 1918. His captain in communicating the news, expresses to his widow his deepest and heartfelt sympathy, and says he was a gallant a soldier as he ever had under him. In all his work he was very thorough, and although he never made a fuss he was always to be relied upon to do the right thing. He was a true British soldier. He was wounded in the head by a bullet, and he died soon afterwards in hospital. "The officers and men who knew your husband," says the writer, "have asked me to send a little expression of their sympathy."

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