

## SIDNEY JOHN OVERTON

Sidney John Overton was born on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1899 and baptised at Hampton Lucy on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1899. He was the 5<sup>th</sup> child of Thomas & Mary Overton, who was a waggoner at a flour mill in 1901, and they lived in Snitterfield Road, Hampton Lucy., Warwickshire.

It seems that throughout the war he was known as John. His service record has survived and can be found on the Find My Past web site, a paper copy of which is in the Great War file of Hampton Lucy.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1915, at the age of 15 years & ten months, he enlisted as a private into No. 572 Agricultural Co. No.241348.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1915 he was transferred to the Royal Fusiliers, No. 15507, and was sent to France on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1916.

Unfortunately he was wounded on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1916 in the battle of the Somme, and was then transferred back to England on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1916.

*“An article appeared in the Leamington Spa Courier on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1916:-*

**WOUNDED**

*J. Overton, R. Fusiliers, Hampton Lucy”*

He survived the war and was awarded the British & Victory medals

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