

## PRIVATE HENRY FRANCIS CRESSWELL 1890 - 1917

Henry Francis Cresswell (Harry) was born in Wooten Wawen, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 1890 the 4<sup>th</sup> child of Oliver & Hannah Cresswell. Oliver worked as a waggoner and lived on Huncote Lane between Charlecote and Wellesbourne according to the 1901 Census.

In 1911 at the age of 21 he was serving in Bombay, India, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, no.990. In 1916 he was transferred to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Company of the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) no. 19163.

He died on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1917 at the age of 26. He is remembered in The Huts Cemetery at West-Vlaanderen in Belgium. He is also remembered on the war memorial in Charlecote Church.

There was an obituary in the Stratford Herald November on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917

*“On Monday last Mr and Mrs Cresswell of Huncote Lane, which lies between Charlecote and Wellesbourne, received the sad news of the death of their youngest son. Upon the ourbreak of war Private Cresswell was serving in India with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battallion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. The men were quickly onboard ship and upon arrival in England in July eight hours leave was granted before embarkation to France. Twelve months ago Cresswell was transferred to the Machine Gum Corps. For three years he faithfully served his country across the Channel, during which period he enjoyed an exceptional run of luck until September 29<sup>th</sup> he fell in action at the age of 26.”*



Harry in India before the Great War.



Harry in Greatcoat back in Europe.

In Memory of  
Private  
**Henry Francis Cresswell**

19163, 22nd Coy., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) who died on 29 September 1917 Age 27

Son of Oliver and Hannah Cresswell, of Hunscombe Lane, Wellesbourne, Warwick.

Remembered with Honour  
The Huts Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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