



## William R Harmer

He was born in 1891 and by 1911 he was a farm labourer living at 51 Nelson Street with his widowed step mother, and siblings Harry, Sidney and Reginald. He was 5'4" with good build and 34" chest. William was the first Harboro"Territorial to be killed. The letter from his commanding officer says: *"He was in the act of firing when he was himself shot in the head. He was killed instantly and suffered no pain. He was buried by the chaplain in a little cemetery about a mile from the trenches at 10 o'clock that night and there was a proper service."*

Date enlisted 18/11/1910  
Place enlisted Market Harborough  
Initial service no. 1090  
Initial regiment Leicestershire 5th Btn  
Entered France 27/02/1915  
Date of death 07/04/1915  
Cause of death Killed in action  
Died at age 24  
Grave ref. II. H. 8 Cemetery Linden-  
hoek Chalet, Kemmel, Belgium

*Bert West, husband of Mrs H West, confectioners of High St, wrote .. Germans shelled our place - one of our lads has been killed - Harmer was his name. Was a nice fellow, cheery and bright. He was the son of Ellen Harmer 51 Nelson St and worked at the Co-Op, aged 24.*

Possessions returned 23.9.1915  
ID disc,  
pocket knife,  
pocket Gospel,  
3 handkerchiefs,  
watch & key,  
ring,  
purse containing 3d and 5c,

