

John Looms

He was born Jul - Aug 1894 and in 1911 lived with his parents George and Hannah and seven siblings at 12 Gladstone Street, they moved to Glenholm, 96 Northampton Road Market Harborough. He was employed as a mechanic at Messrs Hearth & Co.

At the time that he was killed Mr & Mrs Looms had two other sons serving in the Army, 2nd Lt A Looms, Gloucester Rgt who was home on

leave after being in France for 10 months and Pte George Looms, RAMC who had been wounded.

Place enlisted Northampton
Initial service no. 15645

Initial regiment Northampton

Transferred to Royal Garrison
Artillery 405th Sge Bty

Changed service number 136719

Theatre of war entered France

Date entered 01/09/1915

Date of death 28/07/1917

Cause of death Died as a result of wounds

Died at age 23

Grave ref. III. D. 285 Bailleul Communal Cemetery Ext , Nord, France



Lieut A F Collingwood RGA 'I expect before this letter reaches you will have heard from the War office that your son was unfortunately wounded this morning. He had just come back from the battery for a few hours rest in camp when the enemy commenced to shell our neighbourhood with a small calibre gun. I regret to say one shell fell near his bivouac and he was wounded in the arms and legs. He was immediately taken to the dressing station which is along side us where the RAMC took him over, gave him every attention and later sent him on to a casualty clearing station. I understand he was hit by several pieces but that no wound is dangerous. He did so well in the recent operations that he was recommended for the Military Medal. No one could have performed work so well, so humbly and unostentatiously as your son did' He died from his wounds.