



Woodford Remembers



Lawrance Bertram Manley

23 January 1892 – 17 November 1914

Family

Bertie's parents were not Woodford people. His father John was born in 1858 in Stoke Doyle and his mother Mary Ann was born in Ringstead. The couple married in 1882. The birthplaces of Bertie's older siblings suggest the family moved frequently following the marriage probably living in Ringstead for a number of years prior to moving to Woodford before 1891 where they lived in Spring Gardens - an area off Bakers Lane just above the present location of the Scout Hut. The land is now occupied by a single property known as Spires. John Manley was employed as a Furnace Labourer.

By the turn of the century the family had moved to Church Green, Woodford, most probably living in a row of cottages which once stood where DeCapel Close is now located.

Bertie was the fifth of twelve siblings, nine of whom were living at the time of the 1911 census.

He was christened in St Mary's Church Woodford on 16 April 1892 (day before Easter Sunday) and started school in the High Street in March 1895. He left the infant School in May 1901 and transferred to the Junior School in Church Street, where he would have stayed until the age of 14 years.

Army Service

Bertie's regimental number, 9422 indicates he joined the army as a regular soldier after January 1911. He is listed as a Private living at the Northampton Barracks at the time the census was taken on 2nd April 1911.

As a member of the 2nd Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment he was billeted near Winchester being transferred to France on 4th November 1914, landing at LeHavre on 5th November. His medal record states that he entered the Theatre of War (Pas de Calais) on 6th November 1914 and was killed in action on 17th November 1914. At this time the Northamptonshire Regiment was involved in the defence of Festubert & Givenchy.

Burial / grave

No known grave.

Dependants

He had no dependants.

Commemoration

Le Touret Memorial Panel s 28/30 (545 members of the Northamptonshire Regiment out of 13479 names)
Woodford War Memorial Village Green
Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial



Le Touret Memorial to the missing

