

Private John William ELY (ELEY on Memorial)



John William Ely was born at Metherringham in 1898 and after leaving school worked as a farm labourer, sometime living and working in Timberland.

During the Great War he was conscripted into the army and joined the 2nd Battalion Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) at Grantham. He was drafted out to the Western Front and killed in



action between Soissons and Reims on Wednesday 29 May 1918 during the final phase of the massive German Spring offensive. Known as the Third Battle of the Aisne commencing on 27 May 1918 the German Army attacked six depleted British Divisions. British and Allied losses numbered 137,000 with the Germans suffering almost 130,000 casualties.

Private John William Ely has no known grave and his name is listed on the Soissons Memorial to the Missing in France.

