

# Private John William HARE



Following a week-long artillery barrage the British Army, along with the French, went over the top on 1 July 1916 in a massive offensive against the Germans. Although relatively successful south of the river Somme the attack in the north was a disaster with 57,470 British casualties including 19,240 dead, mainly sustained in the first half-hour of the battle. One of those killed was Private John William Hare, son of Mr and Mrs Hare of Timberland, born at Laughton near Folkingham in 1896. After leaving school he became a farm labourer and at the beginning

of the Great War volunteered at Lincoln for service in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. After training in England he was drafted out to the Western Front in February 1916. John was only 20 years old when he was killed, but sadly his remains were never identified. Consequently, his name was engraved on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, along with another 73,000 who died in this area of France and have no known graves.

