

Sergeant Herbert INGALL



The eldest of three sons to John and Elizabeth Ingall, Herbert was born at Timberland in 1893. After leaving the village school he worked as a farm labourer for Alderman John Copping of Thorpe Tilney Hall and on the outbreak of the Great War enlisted at Lincoln into the 9th (Reserve) Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. After the July 1916 Somme offensive Herbert transferred to the Machine Gun Section of the 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment and took part in the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). On Thursday 16 August 1917 he was killed in action during heavy fighting at Langemarck, aged 25. His name is listed

on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing in Belgium.

His elder brother Amos was a pre-war regular soldier with the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment and was badly wounded during the 1st July 1916 major offensive on the Somme. He was discharged from the army and spent the remainder of his life in Branston, where he died in 1983 aged 94. Herbert's younger brother Fred also enlisted and served on the Western Front with the 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment where he was awarded the Military Medal in 1917 and survived the war. He died in 1996 aged 100 and was buried in St Andrew's churchyard at Timberland.



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*"Then up spoke Herbert Ingall, "No duty would he shirk
For every man that's in his team must do his best to work
By yon straight part a dug-out may well be built by three
Now who will stand on my right hand and use this spade with me?"*

Excerpt from a poem published in the Lincolnshire Chronicle, 23 Sept 1916, sent from the trenches by Herbert Ingall, and composed by Fred William Dye

