

Private John Robert RUSH



John Robert Rush was born c1899 in Thorpe Tilney Fen where his father worked on the farms. He was married at a young age in the early part of the Great War and lived with his wife at Witham Cottage in Martin Dales.

John was conscripted into the armed forces in about 1917 and joined the 1/8th

Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby) Regiment at Lincoln. The Battalion formed part of 139th Brigade of the 46th (North Midlands) Division TF and after being involved in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line at Bellenglise on 29 September 1918 took part in the Battle of Ramicourt on 3 October 1918. One Officer and 20 other ranks were killed in action along with a further four officers and 86 other ranks wounded. One of those killed was Private John Robert Rush who was buried in Joncourt East British Cemetery, France. He was just 19 years of age.

