

Herbert (Bertie) Broughton

*1463 Hunts Cyclist Battalion: 30298 14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Died 24 April 1917 aged 20*

Bertie was born in Warboys 24 May 1896 the youngest son of George Broughton (a farmer) and Elizabeth (nee Brown). He had two brothers and two sisters; the family lived at Mill End, then The Cross, Warboys. Bertie attended Warboys Board School from 7 April 1902 with **Dennis Adams** and later helped his father on the farm.

Bert enlisted with the Hunts Cyclists 2/1 Battalion and after training on the east coast joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 14th Battalion.

Serving in France Bert was wounded on 17 March 1916 probably as the British held the line during the build up to the Battle of the Somme. He recovered from his wound and was returned to service.



Bert was killed in action 24 April 1917 as the British attempted to gain Vimy Ridge near German held Arras. He is buried in La Chaudier Cemetery, France. He is also listed on the Thiepval Memorial, France.

Bert's older brother **John** also joined the Hunts Cyclists but was discharged in 1915 with tuberculosis, making him unfit for service.

Bert's father George died in 1927 and his family remembered Bert on his father's gravestone in Warboys Baptist graveyard, "**Herbert (Bert) son of the above who was killed in action April 24th 1917 aged 20 years**". His mother Elizabeth lived until 1939.

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