

John Dockerill

*587, Hunts Cyclist Battalion, 30250, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Died 12 September 1916, aged 21*

John was born in Warboys in 11 December 1894, the seventh of eleven children of Joseph Dockerill, a farm labourer, and Emma (nee Conquest). He was the older brother of **James Dockerill**. The family lived in Popes Lane and John was admitted to Warboys Board School on 1 April 1901 with **George Baldock** and **Lewis King**. After leaving he too became a farm labourer.

John enlisted early with the Hunts Cyclist Battalion on 9 October 1914 at Huntingdon. After training he joined the 14th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. His regiment landed at Boulogne 21 November 1915 where they made up part of the 13th Brigade, 5th Division.



John fought through many battles on the Somme from March to September 1916 including High Wood and Guillemonte during which time he was promoted to Acting Corporal. In the build up to the Battle of Flers-Courcelette John was killed in action on 12 September 1916, age 21.

He has no known grave but John is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France along with 72,000 of his comrades. Most of them also died on the Somme that year.

John's younger brother **James Dockerill** was also killed in action 27 August 1917. Their father Joseph lived until 1936 and their mother Emma until 1950.



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