

Herbert Fisher

G/34346, 17th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Died 17 February 1917, aged 21

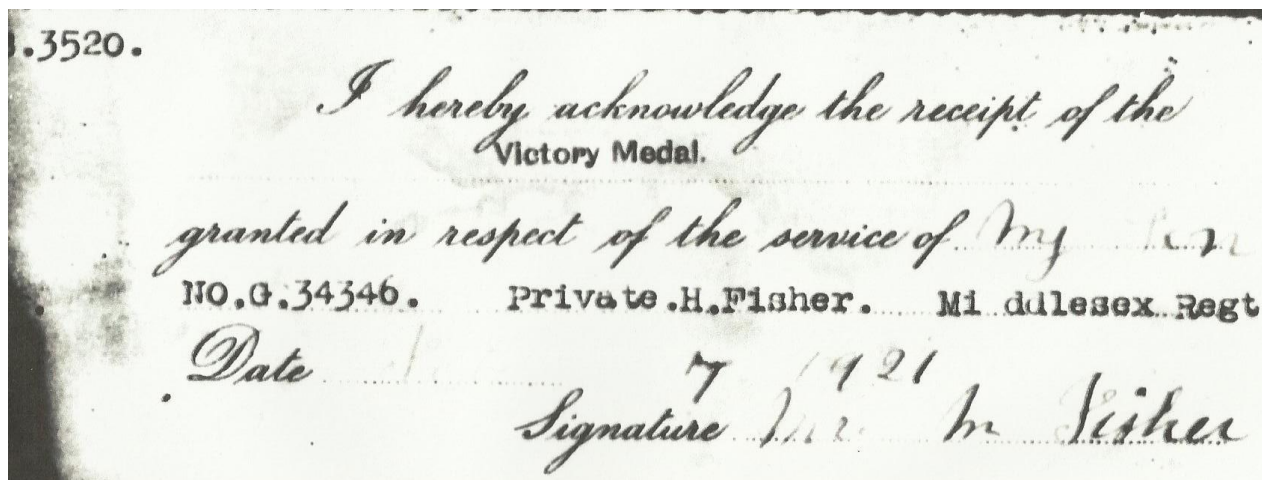
Herbert was born in Doddington summer 1895 and baptised in Doddington parish church 29th September. He was the second of seven children of Herbert Fisher, a labourer, and Martha (nee Jackson). The family lived on Warboys Fen where Herbert became a farm labourer, then a horse keeper.



Herbert enlisted 12 December 1915, first with the 8th Battalion Essex Regiment. His records show that he was 5 feet 5 inches tall, with 1 missing and 5 decayed teeth, 4 vaccination marks and slightly flat feet.

After training he was transferred the 17th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, also known as the "Football Battalion". He was posted to France 1 November 1916 in time to take part in the Battle of Ancre, the last of that year's Somme campaign.

Herbert was killed in action 17 February 1917 during the period of stalemate that winter. After a temporary burial with three others from his regiment he was reburied in 1920 in the Regina Trench Cemetery, Somme, and his belongings were returned to his father in Warboys. His medals were also sent to Warboys later and his mother had to send receipts for them.



Herbert's mother died in 1937 and his father in 1941.