

Private Richard Bowskill Day 185 Lincolnshire Regiment died on 28/04/1917. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

I have failed to locate any report of his death in the Retford Times. Fortunately his War Office Service Records have survived the enemy bombing of the second war and although partially charred provide some information.

According to his Army Attestation document he was born in the parish of New Clee near Grimsby and at the time of his enlistment on 17/09/1914 was 23 years and 87 days of age. He gave his occupation as railway clerk. He was of small stature being only 5ft 4 inches in height and weighed 124 lbs.

He left for France from Southampton on 9th Jan 1916.

Army Form 5080 dated 17/11/1920 lists his living relatives
His parents Arthur & Jane Day of 31, Crow Hill Avenue, Cleethorpes.
His brother Harry V Day aged 21 of 10, Pembroke Grove, Manchester
His sister Mrs M Johnstone aged 31 of Sutton near Retford, Notts
His sister Alice W Day aged 20 an inpatient, the Asylum, Lincoln
His sister Marion Day aged 12 of 31 Crow Hill avenue, Cleethorpes

At the 1911 census of Retford he was 19 and born in Retford in the parish of Ordsall. He was employed as a railway clerk living at 27 Station Road, Retford, with the rest of his family viz

Arthur Day 46
Jane Day 45
Machel Day 22
Harry Day 12
Alice Day 10
Marion Day 2