

**Private John Dixon** 35302 King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 18/11/1916 aged 28 is buried in Serre Road Cemetery.

Pte John Dixon was the second son of Mr & Mrs Charles Dixon of 1, Turks Head Yard, Grove St., Retford

#### A YEAR OF SUSPENSE



Prior to enlistment in Wakefield, John had worked for the Gas Company and previous to that was employed as a postman in the Gamston area. He left Retford in February/March 1914 and enlisted on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1914 which was his birthday. He had been wounded on one other occasion having been shot in the left lung on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1915. Having been evacuated through the various clearing stations and hospitals John spent time at St Leonard's on sea and Clacton on Sea recuperating. Being declared fit he returned to France on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1916 and 22 days later on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916 was reported as missing. It wasn't until a further 13 months that his death was confirmed. It is highly likely that Pte John Dixon was killed in one of the last attacks of the Battle of the Somme in the attack on Serre which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916.