



George Robert Robinson

George Robert Robinson was born in Corby in 1896. His father, John Thomas Robinson was from Corby. His mother, Mary Hannah Robinson was originally from Thurning.

The Family

In 1901, the family are living at Gretton Brook Lodge, Corby. John is employed as a horseman. With John & Hannah are their children, Ethel, Albert, Annie, Margaret, George, Harold and a step-son Ed Cottingham.

In 1911, the family still residing at Gretton Bridge Lodge has John working as a wood labourer. His son, Albert is employed as a furnace labourer. George (now 14) is employed as a farm labourer.

Military Service

George Robert Robinson served as a Private in the 8th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. He served in France/Flanders and was killed in action 4th February 1917.

Private Robinson is buried in Vermelles Cemetery and remembered on Corby War Memorial.

Vermelles was in German hands from the middle of October 1914 to the beginning of December 1914, when it was recaptured by the French. The cemetery was begun in August 1915 (though a few graves are slightly earlier), and during the Battle of Loos, when the Chateau was used as a dressing station, Plot I was completed. It was laid out and fenced by the Pioneers of the 1st Gloucesters, and known for a long time as "Gloucester Graveyard". The remaining Plots were made by the Divisions (from the Dismounted Cavalry Division onwards) holding the line 1.6 kilometres East of the cemetery until April 1917, and they incorporated a few isolated French graves of October 1914.

From April 1917, to the Armistice, the cemetery was closed; but after the Armistice some graves were re-grouped and others were brought in (to Plots II, IV and VI) from the battlefields to the East.

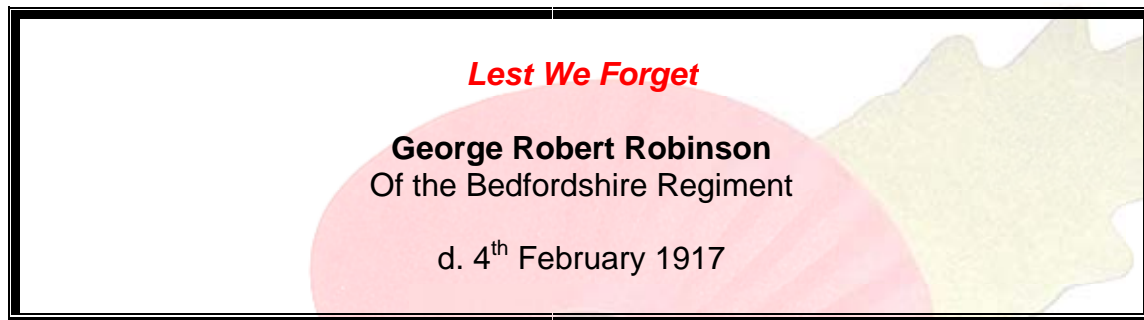
There are now over 2134 First World War casualties commemorated in this cemetery. Of these, 198 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to six soldiers from the United Kingdom, known to be buried among them.



This cemetery also contains the graves of 11 casualties of other nationalities. The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

Reference

Commonwealth War Graves Commission



George Robinson's brother Harold Robinson, serving in the Northamptonshire Regiment, was also killed in the War on 22nd July 1918.