



## Harold Robinson

Harold Robinson was born in Corby in 1899. 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, his son George is employed as a farm labourer. Harold (12) is at school.

### Military Service

Private Harold Robinson first served in the Suffolk Regiment (45469) before transferring to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment (40616). Private Robinson served in France/Flanders and was killed in action on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1918.

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

Carvin was in German hands from an early date in the 1914-18 War until shortly before the Armistice; and Carvin German National Military Cemetery, on the North-West side of the town, contains over 6,000 German burials.

Carvin was involved also during the 1939-45 War when a British counter attack was launched on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1940, by the 50<sup>th</sup> Division, who took up positions along the canal on a line from La Bassee to Carvin. The canal crossings were held, and a German attack which caused the French North African troops to fall back on Carvin was checked by the prompt action of two battalions of the 50<sup>th</sup> Division on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1940.

There are now over 40, 1914-18 and over 30, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number from both Wars are unidentified. From the 1939-45 War, 8 graves could not be precisely located are commemorated by special memorials, inscribed "Buried near this spot".



## Reference

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

***Lest We Forget***

**Harold Robinson**  
of the Northamptonshire Regiment

d. 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1918

Harold Robinson's brother George Robert Robinson, serving in the Bedfordshire Regiment, was also killed in the War on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1917.

