

## William Thomas CROPLEY



THE LATE  
LANCE-CORP. W. CROPLEY,  
Essex Regt., of East Walton;  
killed in action on June 14.

41376 Lance Corporal 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Essex Regiment (formerly 5988  
Norfolk Regiment) He enlisted in  
King's Lynn and was killed in action  
in France 15<sup>th</sup> June 1917  
(according to Commonwealth war  
graves but extract from the Lynn  
News states 14<sup>th</sup> June as no body  
was found the date would be the  
last time he was seen)

Extract from Lynn News  
Killed in Action- News was received  
last week that Lance Cropl. William  
Thomas Cropley of the Essex  
Regiment has been killed in action  
on 14<sup>th</sup> June. He was among the  
first to volunteer at the beginning of  
the war but was rejected on medical  
grounds. Later on, however he was  
passed and in due course went  
abroad. He was 21 years old, and  
before enlistment has worked since  
the age of 13 on the Abbey Farm.  
He was the first in the parish to fall  
in action. On Sunday evening a  
memorial service was held in the  
parish church, and reference made  
to the sad event from the pulpit.  
Much sympathy is felt for his  
parents and family.

His parents were Robert William and Fiona Cropley (nee Taylor), In 1911 they were living on Gayton Road East Walton they had been married 18 years had 8 children one of whom had died. Robert was working as a Horseman on the farm and William was a farm labourer.

Their children were:-

**Minnie Eliza** born 15<sup>th</sup> February 1894 in Dersingham baptised 17<sup>th</sup> April 1894 died  
Oct/Nov/Dec 1907

**William Thomas** born 1895 in Dersingham baptised 11<sup>th</sup> August 1895 died 15<sup>th</sup> June 1917

**Florence** born Jan/Feb 1897 in Dersingham baptised 16<sup>th</sup> February 1897

**Sarah Jane** born 24<sup>th</sup> November 1898 in Castle Rising Married William Rix Jan/Feb/Mar  
1921 Died December 1972

**Victoria May** born 17<sup>th</sup> January 1901 married John W High Jan/Feb/Mar 1922 died  
December 1972

**Dorothy Ida** born 27<sup>th</sup> May 1903 in Castle Rising married Robert B Starling Jan/Feb/Mar  
1943 died 4<sup>th</sup> May 1986

**George Robert William** born 11<sup>th</sup> July 1905 in East Walton baptised 13<sup>th</sup> August 1905  
Married Edith Piggott Oct/Nov/Dec 1931 died June 1981

**Cecil Judd** born Jan/Feb/Mar 1907 died Sept 1941 Hartismere Suffolk

1909.

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION OF NORFOLK.

East Walton Polling District (District Z.)—Parish of East Walton, continued.

OCCUPATION VOTERS (other than Lodgers).

Division ONE.—Persons entitled to vote as Parliamentary Electors, County Electors, and Parochial Electors.

No.	Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first.	Place of Abode.	Nature of Qualification.	Description of Qualifying Property.
Z 347	Aylmer William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near the church
Z 348	Back Charles	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near the church
Z 349	Barrett Thomas	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Summer end
Z 350	Bland Alfred	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common
Z 351	Bridges Ernest	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Summer end
Z 352	Brown William, junior	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common
Z 353	Burton Frederick	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Lynn road
Z 354	Cropley Robert William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Gayton road
Z 355	Drew Robert	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Gayton road
Z 356	Fountain Algernon	Narford	Land	Swaffham road
Z 357	Gamble James	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near common
Z 358	Harris Henry	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Summer end
Z 359	Hudson Vere	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near common
Z 360	Jackson John, junior	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near church
Z 361	Jackson William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near common
Z 362	Keeley George	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near common
Z 363	Ketteringham William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Lynn road
Z 364	Knight John	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near church
Z 365	Loades Ernest	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common lane
Z 366	Loades James	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common
Z 367	Loades William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Gayton road
Z 368	Nichols Ernest	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Lynn road
Z 369	Osborne William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Near church
Z 370	Palmer Frederick	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common
Z 371	Skeet Abraham	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Summer end
Z 372	Skeet George	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common
Z 373	Vincent Arthur	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Summer end
Z 374	Warnes William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Watery lane
Z 375	Welham William	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Lynn road
Z 376	West Richard	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common
Z 377	Wilkin Samuel	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Summer end
Z 378	Wilson George	East Walton	Dwelling-house	Common

**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

Number of Schedule **20.**  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE last Birthday and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every person.	INFIRMITY.
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Children born alive in present Marriage. (If no children born since write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive since present Marriage has lasted. (If less than one year write "none" in Column 8.)	Children born alive.	Children living who have died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employed, Worked, or Working on Own Account.			
Robert Cropley	Head	48	Married	18	8	7	1	Horseman on Farm	worker	Northampton	English		
Eliza Cropley	Wife	39	Married	18	8	7	1			Northampton	English		
William Cropley	Son	15	Single					Farmer Labourer	Farmer	Sheringham	English		
Marion Cropley	Daughter	14								Sheringham	English		
Sarah Cropley		13						School		East Walton	English		
Victoria Cropley		10								East Walton	English		
Bessie Cropley		7								East Walton	English		
George Cropley	Son	5								East Walton	English		
John Cropley	Son	4								East Walton	English		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Males	Females	Total
4	5	9

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Transoms, or Apartments). Count the Kitchens as a room but do not count cellars, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, or warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Robert Cropley  
Postal Address: East Walton, King, Lynn

In Memory of  
Lance Corporal

## William Thomas Cropley

41376, 10th Bn., Essex Regiment who died on 15 June 1917 Age 22

Son of Robert William and Flora Cropley, of Braizen Hall Farm, Tattersett, King's Lynn.

Remembered with Honour  
**Arras Memorial**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

CROOKES, Lce. Cpl. Benjamin, 242780. 2nd/5th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 6th May, 1917. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Emma Crookes, of 9, Occupation Rd., Hackenthorpe, Sheffield.

CROOKES, Rfn. Frank, S/27531. 8th Bn. The Rifle Brigade. 3rd May, 1917.

CROOKES, Pte. James J., 40379. "D" Coy, 16th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 31st May, 1917. Age 35. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Crookes, of 10, Hope St., Chatham; husband of A. Crookes, of 30, Rhode St., Chatham.

CROOKS, Pte. James, 13903. 13th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 28th March, 1918.

CROOKS, Pte. James McA., S/8952. 8th/10th Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 9th April, 1917.

CROOKSHANK, Lce. Cpl. Alexander Henry, 282958. 1st/4th Bn. London Regt. (R. Fus.). 28th March, 1918.

CROOM, Pte. George C., 295102. 1st/7th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 26th June, 1917.

CROOME, Pte. Lancelot, 35398. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. 3rd May, 1917.

CROPLEY, Pte. Robert Charles, 13255. 198th Coy. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 20th May, 1917. Age 25. Son of Mrs. Jane Lay, of 96, Norwich Rd., Lowestoft.

CROPLEY, Lce. Cpl. William Thomas, 41376. 10th Bn. Essex Regt. 15th June, 1917. Age 22. Son of Robert William and Flora Cropley, of Braizen Hall Farm, Tattersett, King's Lynn.

CROPPER, Pte. John, 37379. 20th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 13th Dec., 1916. Age 27. Husband of Annie Cropper, of 20, Mornington Rd., Lytham, Lancs.

CROSBY, Pte. Benjamin, 203572. 4th Bn. South Staffordshire Regt. 24th March, 1918.

CROSBY, Pte. Cecil Thomas, 786. 22nd Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 29th April, 1917.

CROSBY, Pte. George, 5600. 1st Bn. Somerset Light Inf. 3rd May, 1917.

CROSBY, Pte. George, 16572. 2nd/5th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 27th March, 1918. Age 28. Son of William and Mary Crosby, of Castlegate, Malton; husband of Florence Crosby, of 5, Ellen's Terrace, Mill St., Norton, Malton, Yorks.

CROSBY, Cpl. William Henry, 8023. 126th Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 21st April, 1917.

CROSER, Pte. Joseph, 14821. 7th (West. and Cumb. Yeomanry) Bn. Border Regt. 25th March, 1918.

CROSS, Lce. Cpl. Albert, 56011. 10th Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. 11th April, 1917.

CROSS, Pte. Albert James, 27573. "D" Coy, 7th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 23rd April, 1917. Age 30. Son of the late John C. and Fanny M. Cross, of 4, Goldsmith Place, Canonbury Rd., Islington, London.

CROSS, Pte. Albert Strange, 56454. 10th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 18th May, 1917.

CROSS, Serjt. Charles Thomas, 18/483. 18th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 3rd May, 1917. Age 30. Son of William and Margaret Cross, of 12, Summerville, Durham; husband of Sarah Jane Friend (formerly Cross), of 693, Munroe Avenue, Morse Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

CROSS, Pte. Edward Berkeley, 19513. "C" Coy, 6th Bn. Dorsetshire Regt. 22nd April, 1917. Age 26. Son of Walter and Martha Cross, of Armswell Plush, Dorchester, Dorset.

CROSS, Pte. Ernest, 29773. "B" Coy, 11th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 27th March, 1918. Age 19. Only son of William and Kate Cross, of 33, Portland St., Hull.

CROSS, Pte. Ernest, 33903. 16th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 3rd July, 1918. Age 24. Son of Matthew and Ellen Cross, of 13, Cotton St., Burnley.

CROSS, Serjt. Francis, 9727. 20th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 16th April, 1917. Age 36. Son of the late John and Sarah Cross; husband of Olive Atkinson (formerly Cross), of 1, St. Luke's Avenue, Thornaby-on-Tees.

CROSS, Pte. Frederick J., PW/6210. 16th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 31st May, 1917.

CROSS, Pte. George, 40360. 2nd/6th Bn. North Staffordshire Regt. 21st March, 1918. Age 20. Son of George and Sarah Cross, of Tothill, Alford, Lincs.

CROSS, Pte. George William, 21345. 1st Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 11th April, 1917. Son of George Cross, of Boldmere Rd., Wyld Green; husband of Edith Cross, of "Overnorton," Jockey Rd., Wyld Green, Birmingham.

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PART VI

(To be rendered in duplicate.)

ESSSEX REGIMENT OR CORPS.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders 5 and 301 of 19

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Rank by an individual in the Corps in respect of which the rolls are submitted.		NAME	In sequence (Date and Corps previously served with by each individual and Regt. No. therein; the highest rank, whether substantive, acting or temporary, recorded as having been held for any period in a Division of War, unless recorded for non-combat, being shown against the name of the Regiment or Corps which is to be inscribed on the medal.	Theaters of war in which served	Clips awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations			REMARKS
Regt. No.	Rank					(a) Presented	(b) Dispatched by Post	(c) Taken into Stock	
41359	Pte	BORRETT G.	29090	North. R. Rte					
41361	Pte	BURFRET S.G.	29092	do do					
41363	Pte	BURROWS W.	29094	do do					
41364	Pte	CLARKE W.B.	29095	do do					
41365	Pte	CARRER T.	29096	do do					
41366	Pte	CHARLIE H.H.	29097	do do					
41367	Cpl	CLARKE A.F.	29098	do Cpl					
41368	Pte	CLAXTON H.	29099	do Pte					
41369	Pte	CLUTTON A.H.	29100	do do					
41370	Pte	COOKE H.	29101	do do					
41372	Pte	COOKE P.	29102	do do					
41373	Pte	CORRISH A.B.P.	29104	do do					
41374	Pte	CRISPEN W.S.D.	29105	do do					
41375	Pte	CROCKLEY E.	29106	do do					
41376	Pte	CROPLEY F.R.	29107	do do					
41378	Pte	DARLINS G.S.	29109	do do					
41380	Pte	DAVISON A.A.	29111	do do					
41381	Pte	DAWSON C.	29112	do do					
41382	Pte	DOUGHEY H.G.	29113	do do					
41383	Pte	DRAKE E.	29114	do do					

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

Place: 21 MAY 1920

Date: 21/5

Signature and rank of Officer certifying. W. Stewart Colonel.

Use No. 2 Form. WARLEY.

*Report checked 2/4/29*

BAY No. 7. 171	COURSE "P" 171	STONE No. 2. 171
Challis C.S.	Bartley A.T.	Gresswell F.
Glutton A.M.	Barton S.	Croome L.
Gollins A.F.	Bassett G.W.	Gross L.C.
Cropley W.T.	Bateman E.	Garson F.A.
Devey W.S.	Barter W.	Gusselle G.F.
Davis G.	Bayford J.	Guthbert W.F.
Easter F.C.	Beadle S.	Dack H.
Ebbage S.	Bee J.	Danells W.
Everett E.	Beeny S.L.	Daniells R.J.
Foreman A.	Bennett F.A.	Devey C.E.
Forsdyke W.J.	Berney J.	Devey F.J.
Foster A.F.	Biddle G., M.M.	Devey G.R.

(Typed 15.11.1928).

*2nd Rubbing received 10/9/29  
Wames. 36  
checked *ag**

*Rubbing received 2-7-29  
Wames. 36  
checked *ag**

Extract from book of soldiers effects

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Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorised	Amount Authorised			No. of List in which advertised
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	Account and Date	£			s.	d.	£	
516261	412504	Cropley William Thomas.	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Essex Regt. 100. Sgt. 41276.	15.6.17. Dunkirk.	4	4	7	4	4	7	11.1.18. Ma. sole leg. Feona.	4	4	7		
					4	10	—				15.10.19.	4	10	—	PS	

A. F. W. 5670 SENT DATE = JUL 1919

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

-1074 B.N. ESSEX REGT-

Army Form C. 2118.

Summary of Events and Information

SHEET-2-

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks and references to Appendices
N. 30.6.6.3.	12/6/17		Shell fire during day, was better normal. Patrols went out from each of the company trenches & in each case established contact with the enemy. At 8 p.m. our entrenchable actions. Coy M.G.'s and artillery commenced and continued throughout the night. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
"	13/6/17		Explosive actions continued during the day. Hostile shelling in front and support lines during the afternoon. Our parties encountered the enemy at 0.26.0.4.7 and 0.26.0.4.2. Gas mortars were fired into FONTAINE-HEZ-CROISSILLES. From the right of the latter sector between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
"	14/6/17		The attack in front line. Hostile shelling above normal. At 6 p.m. Order No. 82 was received from Brigade. This advised that the latter will be relieved by the 6th Durham Light Inf. on the night 16/17 June. At 9 a.m. one company of the Royal BERTS worked on the front line. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
"	15/6/17		At 4 a.m. A Coy has relieved B Coy in the front line. 0.0.70.48 mines (apparently 70.14.) on completion of relief. The latter will move to the Role in Support area at N. 32.0. At 6.30 p.m. Brigade Order No. 83 was received. This states that the latter would move to SOUASTRE on the afternoon of 17th inst. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
"	16/6/17		Intermittent shelling of front & support lines during the day. Relay commenced at 8.30 p.m. The latter marched to Role Support area at N. 32.0. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
N. 32.0.	17/6/17		Day spent in cleaning and bedding. Gate No. 49 mines (apparently 70.15.) at 7 p.m. The latter commenced to march to SOUASTRE. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
"	18/6/17		Batteries arrived at SOUASTRE at 2.30 a.m. latter part of day spent in reorganization. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
"	19/6/17		Day of reorganization and cleaning up. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>
"	20/6/17		Platoon training. Specialist training. <span style="float: right;">Coy M.</span>

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Coy M. 1/10000

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