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## Edward HALL (1888-1918)

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**Edward Hall's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residency.**

Edward's brother Albert also died in The Great War.

**Edward HALL**, son of William HALL (c. 1857-c. 1940) and Emma CORBLE (c. 1859-c. 1944), was born on 6 August 1888 - reg: Guiltcross Norfolk, quarter 3.<sup>1</sup>

He appeared in the census on 5 April 1891 at Popis Hole, Diss Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 2, living with parents William (34, agricultural labourer) and Emms (31), and siblings William (10, scholar), Frank (8, scholar), Ellen (4) and Alfred (4).<sup>2</sup>

He was baptised on 7 April 1895 in South Lopham - parents William (labourer) and Emma.<sup>3</sup>

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Low Dragway in South Lopham - 12, living with parents William (43, agricultural labourer) and Emms (42), and siblings William (20, teamman on farm), Frank (18, stockman on farm), Ellen (16), Alfred (14) and Albert (4).<sup>4</sup>

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at Rectory Road in South Lopham - 22, farm labourer, living with parents William (53, farm labourer) and Emms (52), siblings Ellen (25) and Albert George (14, farm labourer), and nephew? William (4).<sup>5</sup>

(Please note that the service records for Edward were part of the 'burnt records' and were very difficult to decipher. The information below is the best we could get from them.)

On 7 October 1914 Edward joined Norfolk Territorials, and was discharged April 1916. In February 1917 he enlisted again and arrived at Boulogne on 5th March, and joined the British Expeditionary Force with the West Sussex Regiment. At some point he transferred to the West Yorkshire Regiment. On 7 March 1918 he was wounded and treated in hospital but soon returned to Regiment.

Edward was on the 1918 Absent Voters List at Rectory Road, South Lopham - ser. no. 52509, West. Yorkshire Regiment.

He died on 19 September 1918 - killed in action.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for Edward was "HALL, Pte. Edward, 52509. 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 19th Sept. 1918."

Edward is commemorated at Vis-En-Artois Memorial - Panel 4.

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## Sources

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