

## *Herbert Albert Norris*

Private, Somerset Light Infantry. Enlisted at Bath, September, 1914. Served in India. Died of dysentery in Wellington Hospital, India, December, 1914.



HERBERT ALBERT NORRIS was born in Semington outside Melksham in 1895, the only son of his parents James and Hannah Norris who both came from Hilperton Marsh near Trowbridge. James was a general farm labourer. In 1901 the family were living in Hayes Cottages in Atworth; Herbert had a younger sister Lily, born in Semington, and a second sister Dorothy, born in Atworth. By 1911 they were living in Green Hill, Neston, and Herbert and his father were both working as farm labourers.

*War Records of Corsham* shows that Herbert joined the Somerset Light Infantry in 1914. His battalion sailed from Southampton on 9th October 1914 and landed at Bombay on 9th November 1914. Herbert died less than a month later, on 1st December 1914, from the effects of dysentery. He was just months into his Army career and was only 20. He is buried in Wellington Garrison Cemetery and was reportedly the first Territorial buried in India. Six men from Neston and Atworth acted as pall bearers at his funeral. He was buried with full military honours including a firing party and bugles.