

Frank Ecob

4th October 1897 – 21st March 1918



Frank was born in Upper Broughton. The family lived on the Main Road, close to the Golden Fleece in a house that is no longer there. His father Charles was a boot and shoe maker. His mother was Addie, his parents married in Sneinton on November 11th 1893 and had 12 children. Bertha, Mary (born in 1885), Thomas Frederick (1888), Lily (1890), Grace (1891), Annie Eliza (1893), Rosie (1895), Frank (1897), Gladys (1900), Dinah Elizabeth (1901), Hilda (1904) and Jack (1906). Prior to enlisting Frank was employed on the local ironstone where he was highly respected.

Frank enlisted on October 17th, 1917 and was attached to the 2nd Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment, going out to France on March 4th 1918. On July 10th the Chaplain wrote to Mr and Mrs Ecob saying that Private Frank Ecob had been missing since March 21st, Frank only served in France for 17 days before he was killed. The Chaplain added 'I can only counsel



hope, and trust your anxiety will soon be relieved by good news of his safety'. Coming as it did, three months after Frank went missing, hope would not be high.

In May 1919 cricket resumed in Upper Broughton after a long interval owing to the war, with a game between Upper Broughton and Old Dalby. Before the match Mr J M Walker welcomed the visitors and referred to the losses the cricket world had sustained throughout the country, but especially called to mind the local players who had laid down their lives and would be sadly missed on the field of sport – Enoch Miller, William and Leonard Brooks and Frank Ecob.

Frank was described as one of the most promising cricketers the village has produced. In August of that year a flagstaff was erected in their memory at the cricket club and a flag unfurled.

Frank's name is on the Pozieres memorial, he has no known grave.

