
Albert George Bates SELF (c. 1893-1914)

Albert George Bates Self's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residency.

Albert George Bates SELF, son of James SELF (c. 1839-c. 1919) and Maria Agnes BATES (c. 1874-c. 1919), was born circa 1893 in South Lopham, Norfolk.

At the time of the 1901 Census, Albert was living at Popes Hole in South Lopham - 7, living with parents James (62, agricultural labourer) and Agnes Maria (27), and siblings Lucy Bates (9), Lily May (4) and Percy William (1).¹

Albert's military record is generally unreadable and therefore little information available. It is almost certain that he had an association with the Norfolk Regiment from January 1910 till his death, either in the Reserves, Territorial Force or full service.

Albert joined the 4th Bn. Norfolk Regiment Territorial Force, private, ser. no. 1337. On 22 November 1910

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Church Street in Diss, Norfolk - 17, baker's errand boy, living with parents James (72, market gardener labourer) and Agnes (57), and siblings Percy (11, scholar), Walter (9), Florence (3) and Daisy (1).²

Albert enlisted on 27 June 1913 - transferring from the Special Reserve to 1st Bn. Norfolk Regiment, Private 8921.

He died on 14 August 1914 - killed in action at Battle of Mons.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for Albert was - SELF, Pte. A. G., 8921. 1st Bn. Norfolk Regt. 24th Aug., 1914. Sp. Mem. C. 29. Albert is commemorated at Elouges Communal Cemetery - Sp. Mem. C. 29.

Sources

1. *1901 Census*. RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 25 Page 13 Schedule 87. Cit. Date: 31 March 1901.
2. *1911 Census*. RG14 PN11443 RD230 SD2 ED1 SN190. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.