

## John Henry IRELAND (1899-1918)

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**John Henry IRELAND**, son of William IRELAND (1856-1937) and Sarah Alice TEER (1861-1955), was born on 21 April 1899 in Ketteringham, Norfolk.<sup>1</sup> He was baptised on 28 May 1899 in Ketteringham - father William a labourer and shopkeeper, mother Sarah Alice.<sup>2</sup>

He appeared in the census on 31 March 1901 at High Street in Ketteringham - 2, living with parents William (44, agricultural labourer) and Sarah (40), and siblings Robert (11), Mabel (8), Emma (7) and Martha (4).<sup>3</sup>

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Farm House in Wreningham, Norfolk - 11, scholar, living with parents William (56, farmer) and Sarah Alice (51), and siblings William John (26, groom and cowman), Robert (21, labourer on farm), Martha (14) and Florence (11, scholar).<sup>4</sup>

Private G/70052, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), wounded at Albert, France on 2 August 1918 and died later in hospital in Newport, Monmouthshire on 26 November 1918.

John died on 26 November 1918 in Newport, Monmouthshire.<sup>5</sup>

From the C.W.G.C. website: "IRELAND, Pte. John Henry, 70052, 7th Bn. The Queen's. Died 26th Nov., 1918, of wounds received at Albert. Age 19. Son of William and Sarah Alice Ireland, of Wreningham, Norfolk."

During World War I, Newport, Monmouthshire, had no dedicated military hospital like some of the larger cities. It did, however, have several auxiliary hospitals and convalescent homes that were set up to support the war effort and provide care for wounded soldiers. These facilities were usually smaller and were situated in existing buildings like schools or convalescent homes, some run by the Red Cross. No specific establishment has been linked to John Henry's care.

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### Sources

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