



DRIVER HORACE ANDREW TARPLEY

Royal Engineers & 34th R.F.A Bde. Signal Sub-Section

254120

23rd March 1918, age 38 at Flanders, France

Arras Memorial, France

Great Brington, 1880

Son of Joseph and Lucy Tarpley (nee Capell)

Lambeth, Surrey

Brothers – Thomas, William, Henry, Albert & Frederick.

Sisters – Mary, Catherine & Edith

Living descendants –

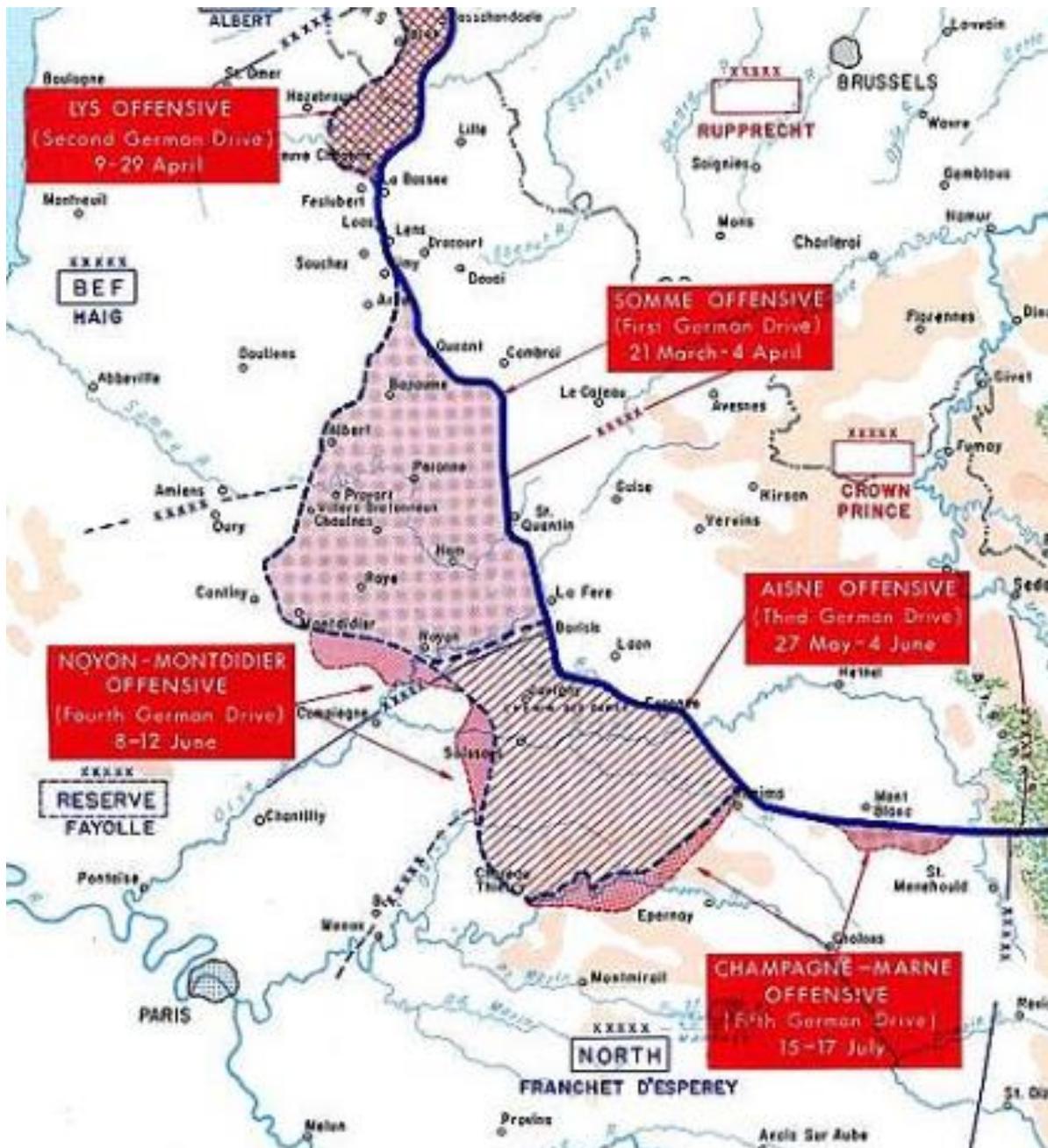
Little Brington School then worked as a well-known local footballer (played with Brington, Daventry and Northampton reserves) and as a groom on the Althorp Estate

January 1903 – Royal Regiment Artillery and served in India until January 1910.

Victory Medal and British War Medal.

This 34th was originally comprised of numbers 22, 50 and 70 Batteries RFA. It was under command of 2nd Division and went to France with it in August 1914. October 1916 – Royal Engineers had been working underground reconstructing tunnels for the troops in preparation for the battle of Arras in 1917.

21 March 1918, the Germans launched a big offensive against the British Fifth Army and the right wing of the British Third Army. The artillery bombardment began at 4.40am on March 21. The bombardment [hit] targets over an area of 150 square miles, the biggest barrage of the entire war. Over 1,100,000 shells were fired in five hours. By the end of the first day, the British had lost nearly 20,000 dead and 35,000 wounded and the Germans had broken through at several points on the front of the British Fifth Army.



GERMAN SPRING OFFENSIVE MARCH 1918 (Somme Offensive)

In Memory of

Driver

Horace Andrew Tarpley

254120, 34th A.F.A. Bde. Signal Sub. Sect., Royal Engineers who died on 23 March 1918

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Arras Memorial



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