

# COLLINGHAM IN THE GREAT WAR

Name, Rank & Regiment of Soldier:

**Lyon, Frederick**

1) Private, Lincolnshire Regiment no:  
15788

2) 25<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Corps

Service no: 18499



Date of birth	Date KIA	Age
1886	July 30 <sup>th</sup> 1917	30

## Background : Frederick Lyon

Born in 1886 to John Lyon of Castle Bytham, Lincolnshire and Susan Lyon (née Rudkin) also born in Castle Bytham.

Fred was baptised 29<sup>th</sup> August in Little Bytham, Lincolnshire.

In the 1891 census the family is living in Caseby, Lincolnshire.

John Lyon (farm labourer) is 30

Susan is 32

Children are: Edward, Frank, **Frederick**, Gertrude and Kate.

1901 **Fred** (14) is a carter on the farm of Mary Pollard in Normanton St Nicholas, Lincs. His parents and siblings are also in Normanton St Nicholas with additional children: John William (8), Evelyn Annie (2) and Thomas Alfred (4mths)

1911 John Lyon is a widower and a wagoner on a farm in Ingleby, nr Saxilby, Lincs. **Fred** (24) is back with the family and also a wagoner. Census shows 8 of John and Sarah's 12 children are living and 2 more are included in the 1911 census: Florence (8) and Mabel (6) both born in Burton Coggles, Lincs. Their mother, Sarah, died in January 1909.

The family moved to North Collingham sometime after 1911. Fred worked for his father, a farmer. John Lyon died in 1922 and is buried in All Saints, Collingham. Fred's sister Mabel, died 1945 in the Bingham Public Assistance Institution<sup>1</sup> (a former workhouse) aged 40 and is also buried in All Saints.

<sup>1</sup> East Trent Genealogy website

## Military History: Pte Frederick Lyon

Fred enlisted in the Lincolnshire Regiment (date unknown) and transferred to the Machine Gun Corps – units that were formed for the fittest and most intelligent soldiers. He was in the 25<sup>th</sup> Company, formed on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1914 from various regiments including his, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Lincolns.

The Corps took part in the battle of Pilckem Ridge in the Ypres sector and Fred was killed on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

A total of 170,500 officers and men served in the Machine Gun Corps, of which 62,049 were killed, wounded or missing.

**Frederick Lyon is buried in the Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery Extension, Ypres. Plot I K 6 and remembered on the All Saints War Memorials, Collingham.**

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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

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DIVISIONAL COLLECTING POST CEMETERY EXTENSION. 28.C.21.c.0.4.

Name of Cemetery of Reburial \_\_\_\_\_

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
P.1.	K	4	28.J.7.c.3.d.	No.	<i>Pte S. Locke</i> 45236. UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER <i>10. Ches. 1.8.17.</i>	Clothing and Boots Mkd:45236.	Yes. "FF" <i>24/18581</i> Piece of Boot
P.1.	K	5	-do-	No.	UNKNOWN BRITISH L/CORPORAL	Clothing and Chevrons.	No. "FF"
P.1.	K	6	-do- <i>Reburied near this plot.</i>	No.	<i>15488 Pte F. Lyon</i> UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER <i>24.8.17. 31-7-17.</i>	Clothing.	No. "FF" <i>24/18549a</i>
P.1.	K	7	-do- <i>-do-</i>	No.	<i>30024 Sgt E. Smith</i> UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER <i>31-4-17.</i>	-do-	No. "FF" <i>-do-</i>
P.1.	K	8	-do- <i>-do-</i>	No.	<i>62006 Pte E. Anyon</i> UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER <i>10. Ches. Regt. 1.8.17.</i>	-do-	No. "FF" <i>-do-</i>
P.1.	K	9	-do-	No.	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER	-do-	No. "FF"
P.1.	K	10	-do- <i>Reburied near this plot.</i>	No.	<i>29581 Pte F. Speed</i> UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER <i>10. Ches. 1.8.17.</i>	Titles.	No. "FF" <i>24/18549a</i>
P.1.	K	11	-do-	No.	<i>41233 Pte J. Jones</i> UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER <i>10. Ches. Regt. 1.8.17.</i>	Titles and Boots.Mkd:24425.	No. "FF" <i>24/18582</i> Piece of Boot.

*Richard Stiles*  
Richard Stiles,  
Registration Officer.  
No.1.Area I.W.G.C.

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CERTIFIED REPORT  
INITIALED...  
7/12/25  
7/17/25

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D. A. D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

Above: details of Frederick Lyon's reburial (3<sup>rd</sup> name down) show he was identified by his clothing, saving him from becoming another 'unknown British Soldier'. Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission website

*With thanks to Charlie Stothard for his initial research on Frederick Lyon (2014) and to Graham Sacker of the Machine Gun Corps website for use of the Machine Gun Corps insignia.*

Sources:

- 🌀 Census Returns (accessible via Ancestry.co.uk – free access for Inspire Nottinghamshire Libraries members)
- 🌀 East Trent Genealogy database <http://www.easttrentgenealogy.co.uk/>
- 🌀 CWGC website: <https://www.cwgc.org/>
- 🌀 Nottinghamshire County Council Roll of Honour website
- 🌀 Machine Gun Corps Database: [http://www.machine-gun-corps-database.co.uk/intro\\_page.html](http://www.machine-gun-corps-database.co.uk/intro_page.html)

