



COLLISON, SAMUEL JOSEPH

Private; South Staffordshire Regiment 7th Battalion. 11th Division



Killed in Action Date of Death: 17/08/1917

Service No: 40157



Artist's impression of British troops entering Langemarck 16th August 1917

7th (Service) Battalion was formed at Lichfield, August 1914, as part of K1. In August 1914 it was attached to 33rd Brigade, 11th (Northern) Division. The Division came into existence under Army Order No.324, issued on 21st August 1914, authorising the formation of the six new Divisions of K1. It was formed of volunteers, under the care of the War Office. Initially without equipment or arms of any kind, the recruits were judged to be ready by late

Spring 1915, and it was ordered to reinforce the beleaguered garrison on Gallipoli. On the 21 December 1915, the Division withdrew from Gallipoli, to Egypt. In July 1916 the Division landed at Marseilles & spent remainder of the war on the Western Front. The last major action before his death involving his Division was the Battle of Langemarck 16-18th August 1917.

Soldiers died shows he was born and lived in Fingringhoe and enlisted at Colchester. 1901 Census shows the family as long term residents of Fingringhoe :-Ellen Collison aged 3M born at Stanway living at Fingringhoe .Naomi Collison 7 ,Jesse Collison 9 ,Samuel Collison 13 born & living at Fingringhoe. Emma Collison 17 ,Ellen Collison 21 both born & living at Fingringhoe and working as General Servants Walter Collison 23, Frederick Collison 25 & Archbald Collison 26 born & living at Fingringhoe working as Farm Labourers. Mother was Emma Collison 52 born at Peldon & father Archbold Collison aged 57 born East Donyland living at Fingringhoe working as a Farm Labourer.



Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
COLLISON Samuel J.	SStaff R	Pte	40157
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
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STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

He was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, the War Medal 1914 -20 and the Victory Medal 1914-1919.



**Casualty Type:
Commonwealth
War Dead**

**Grave/Memorial
Reference: XI. B.
4.**

**Cemetery: NEW
IRISH FARM
CEMETERY**

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New Irish Farm Cemetery was first used from August to November 1917, and again in April and May 1918. At the Armistice it contained just 73 burials - the three irregular rows of Plot I - but was then greatly enlarged when more than 4,500 graves were brought in from the battlefields north-east of Ypres (now Ieper) and from numerous smaller cemeteries in the area. There are now 4,715 commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 3,267 of the burials are unidentified but special memorials commemorate four casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 30 casualties buried in four of the cemeteries concentrated into New Irish Farm whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.

OTHER MEMORIALS Saint Andrew's Fingringhoe & the Methodist Chapel Fingringhoe



THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ABBERTON, EAST DONYPOND, FINGRINGHOE, LANGENHOE