

# Miles Riches

Miles was born on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1898 to parents Henry Minns Riches and Lily Riches (nee Mickleburgh) and baptised in Horningtoft Church on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1901 together with brother Reginald and sister Alice.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Horningtoft</u> in the County of <u>Norfolk</u> in the Year <u>1891</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
Born July 28 1901.	1901. August 18 <sup>th</sup> No. 579.	Reginald Walter Son of	Henry Minns Lily	Riches	Horningtoft Labourer	Rev. R. W. L. L. L. Rector
Born September 14 <sup>th</sup> 1899.	1901. August 18 <sup>th</sup> No. 580.	Alice Maud D. of.	Henry Minns Lily	Riches	Horningtoft Labourer	Rev. R. W. L. L. L. Rector
Born August 14 <sup>th</sup> 1898.	1901. August 18 <sup>th</sup> No. 581.	Miles Son of	Henry Minns Lily	Riches	Horningtoft Labourer.	Rev. R. W. L. L. L. Rector

1911 Census shows Miles as being age 12, at school, the family are living at Home Farm, Oxwick Road, Horningtoft. Miles also now has more brothers, Bertram, Percy, Freddie and Edgar.

Miles Riches joined the 1<sup>st</sup> East Anglian Bde RFA, taking an oath of declaration before Ernest Felse Major, at Fakenham 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1915

His medical inspection report:

Apparent age:                19 years 1 month  
 Height:                        5ft 9ins  
 Physical development:    Poor but will develop

On 25<sup>th</sup> May 1915 Miles was discharged as being under the age of 19 years, he was in fact only 16.



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Miles joined up again, but we have not been able to find these enlistment papers, possibly because more than half of WW1 service records were destroyed in September 1940 when a German bombing raid struck the War Office, these records are often referred to as ‘the burnt records’



Suffolk Regiment Cap Badge

Miles was killed in action on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1918, age 20 at Flanders, France. He was a Private with the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment and had enlisted at Kings Lynn.

INDEX No. M.R.20	RICHARDSON, Serjt. Walter, 16345. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 7th June, 1917. Age 35. Husband of Mary Richardson, of 75, Yard Row, Netherton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.	RICHES, Pte. Herbert James, 40489. 8th Bn. Suffolk Regt. 4th May, 1917. Age 25. Son of George and Minnie Riches, of Fressingfield, Suffolk.
ARRAS MEM. PART XVIII	RICHARDSON, Lce. Cpl. William, 37540. 10th Bn. York and Lancaster Regt. 21st April, 1917. Age 19. Brother of Mrs. Emily Storey, of 51, Hurley Rd., Lower Kennington Lane, Lambeth,	RICHES, Pte. Miles, 41448. 11th Bn. Suffolk Regt. 22nd March, 1918. Age 20. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Riches, of The Common, Whissonsett, East Dereham, Norfolk.

Miles is remembered with honour on the Arras Memorial and on a Brass Plaque in St Edmund Church, Horningtoft.



His parents had moved to The Common, Whissonsett by the time of his death.