

**Humphrey Trembath** was the son of Edwin and Adeline Trembath of Bank Square, St Just. Edwin Trembath married Adeline Daniel in 1862 and Humphrey was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 1878. In 1903 Humphrey married Mary Anne, daughter of William Williams of Tregeseal, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. He joined the army in 1917, served in the Somerset L.I.11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, was killed at Lens September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1918, and buried in Aire Communal Cemetery.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Somersets were formed in 1917 and embarked for France on 6 May 1918 as part of 59<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> North Midland) Division. The battalion was not considered to be a front line unit and was intended as a service battalion. This no doubt explains the presence of Humphrey Trembath, who was 40 years old. However, following the German spring offensive of 1918, the 59<sup>th</sup> Division was very short of men and, having initially been deployed on trench digging, the 11<sup>th</sup> was soon converted into a fighting force and called upon to hold a reserve line sector south of Arras.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Somersets took over a section of the front line east of St Venant in mid August. This was an area from which the enemy was retreating and the Somersets were in pursuit. They were relieved on 6<sup>th</sup> September, by which time Humphrey Trembath was dead.

In 1918 Aire was the site of a casualty clearing station and a stationary hospital, as well as other medical units. It seems more than likely that Humphrey Trembath was wounded during the pursuit of the retreating enemy and died from his wounds in one of the Aire Medical facilities.

