

TRAGIC DEATH - WOUNDED SOLDIER KILLED BY NEPHEW



Henry Jarrett, aged 37, has an official War Grave Commission grave in All Souls' churchyard, Crockenhill, and was given a burial with full military honours, even though he was not killed in battle, or as a result of war wounds – perhaps because he was wearing his army uniform at the time.

He enlisted into the Lincolnshire Regiment as Henry Cloud. His left arm was blown off by shrapnel at Hooze, near Hell Fire Corner, Ypres.

On Saturday, 22 April 1916, recuperating in Crockenhill, he and his 8-year old nephew went bird scaring

on John Wood's land near Deepshades. He was resting, cleaning his buttons, in a shed, when the nephew picked up the bird-scaring gun lying outside and, thinking it was harmless, pulled the trigger, knocking him down and accidentally killing his uncle.

Bernard Clements, as a young boy, was among those lining the road as the soldiers marched past to the military funeral on 29 April 1916.

