

Bertie John Doy

Born 5th September 1895 in Gately died on 28th October 1916- Buried
Brisley Churchyard.



Bertie John Doy was born in Gately on 5th September 1895. His parents were Charlotte Doy and Alfred Christmas Doy. His father came from Gately and Charlotte Doy nee Dawson was born in Brisley.

Bertie attended Brisley School from 9th November 1904 until 20th December 1907. Bertie had previously attended school in Gt. Ryburgh. In the 1901 Census, his father was employed on the farm at Testerton, Gt. Ryburgh. The family were living at No 3 the New Cottages, Testerton.

When Bertie left school he worked on local farms with dairy cattle and on his enlistment papers he was described as a Team man. In 1911 he was working on the farm of Mr. & Mrs Charles Green in Brisley.



Ethel & Mathew Howling with Ellen Howling (nee Hunt) Outside Green Farm Brisley where Bertie worked.

Bertie's father died in 1906, leaving a widow and 8 children.

In the 1911 Census the family were living in Brisley and Bertie aged 16 was working as a cow man.

1911 Census-

s:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
	Charlotte Doy	38
	Albert Doy	18
	Bertie John Doy	16
	Herbert Doy	14
	William Henry Doy	11
	<u>Elsie Elizabeth Doy</u>	9
	Evan Adrian M Doy	8
	Alfreda Mary Doy	7
	Percy Donald Doy	6
	Charles Henry Green	38
	Laura Bertha Green	33
	Percy Charles Green	12
	Ethel Irene Green	5
	Muriel Green	1

Bertie's War Service:

Bertie enlisted at the age of 19 on 7th September 1914. He joined the 7th Battalion Norfolk Regiment. When he enlisted in the army Bertie was stated to be 5ft 6in tall. His weight was 136 lbs. He had blue eyes and brown hair.

From 7th September 1914 to 29th August 1915 Bertie was stationed in the U.K.

From 30th August 1915 until 3rd May 1916 Bertie was serving in France.

On 8th January 1916 Bertie sustained a severe sprain to his ankle the report of the injury states that Bertie sustained the injury whilst marching in the trenches. The report of his senior officer stated: 'He was injured whilst in the trench but was not in any way to blame.'

Bertie contracted diphtheria and was sent home after a period in a Convalescent Hospital he was at home from 4th May 1916. He then returned to active service on 15th July 1916.

According to The War Diaries Bertie's Company marching to near Arras in October 1916. The Company came under gunfire and Bertie along with a number of others was wounded. The war records on Bertie state that on 18th October 1916 he sustained a gunshot wound to his thigh and scrotum. He was sent back to England for medical treatment to the Lord Derby Military Hospital at Warrington.

On 26th October 1916 a travel warrant was sent to Bertie's mother so she could visit him in hospital in Warrington it stated on the issuing document that 'Bertie was seriously ill'. Bertie died at 8.45 a.m on 28th October 1916. The medical records state he died of complications and tetanus following the operation.

Bertie was just 21 years of age when he died from the wounds he sustained. He is buried in St. Bartholomew's Church, Brisley.

Bertie's 'Victory Medal' and 'The Star Medal' was given to his mother after his death.

Information from Norfolk Regimental Museum

Born Gately – enlisted Norwich. Causality Book 25b – Pte BJ Doy 9th Battalion 3/10195
Severe sprained ankle General Hospital Boulogne 9.1.1916
Diphtheria –Station Hospital St. Omer 27.3.1916
Hospital- Wimereux – 29.3.1916
Convalescent hospital Dartford until 9.5.1916
Gunshot wound to scrotum and thigh- General Hospital Rouen -15.10.1916
Died of wounds war hospital Warrington 18.10.1916

Bertie's mother received Bertie's back pay of £5.13.8d. She was given a war gratuity of £9 which was paid to her after the war in 1920.

When Bertie died his mother was named as Charlotte Hall and she was living at The Marine Tavern, Gt. Ryburgh. Bertie's father was stated as being deceased. On the War Office records Bertie was stated to have seven siblings who were aged from 11 years to 26 years:

Albert Doy born Gately 1893 - Albert married Harriet Savage.

Herbert Doy born Gately 20.3.1897-married Edith Parker died 24th July 1986 Sporle Norfolk- Herbert also served in WW1

William Henry Doy born 1899 died 1979

Elsie Doy born 21.8.1901 married Charles Chasney, died June 1969 Fakenham

Evan Doy born 1902 married Constance Andrews, died 1925

Alfreda Mary Doy born 1904 married Reginald Rush, died

Percy Doy born in Brisley 1905 married Violet Parke died 14th January 1963 Essex- Percy served in WW2.

When Bertie died 3 of his siblings were living with his mother. His brother Herbert was on active service. His 2 sisters appeared to be in domestic service with families at Colkirk.

In 1918 Charlotte married William Hall who was a widower and the licensee of The Marine Tavern, Gt. Ryburgh. William tragically took his own life in 1919 and the license passed to the now twice-widowed Charlotte. She was the last licensee of the Marine Tavern which finally called "last orders" in 1930.

Bertie is buried St. Bartholomew's Churchyard- South-West part.

