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## Bramcote Remembers Local Hero.

### John Starbuck

**John Starbuck is a long lost loved one, who risked his life for our country.**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1917, we lost a hero. John was born in 1881 in Bramcote village. He lived with his mother, Martha and father, John. He was 1 of 7 living off the salary of a coal miner, his dad. His family moved a couple of times before they settled into a home, this disrupted their school life and careers.

Johns first job was a horse driver, he then became a collier hewer. At the same time he married Clara Frances and in 1910 his son Cyril was born. When the war broke out he joined the South Nottingham Hussars.

During the war he was made

private Starbuck and is believed to have fought against the Turks at Gallipoli. One of the great disasters in world war one was caused by the Allies of the Gallipoli, it was a plan thought by Winston Churchill to end the war. This would have been done by creating a new war front, however the Central Powers could not cope with it.

Starbuck also fought against the Bulgarians whilst in battle in North Greece and once again against the Turks on the Gaza Strip. The aim of the battle in the Gaza Strip was to capture Jerusalem.

In November 1917 there was attacks regularly on the British, this lead to the South Notts suffering with lots of casualties. Furthermore some of the wounded soldiers were transferred to Egypt where they

were treated in Egypt's Hospital.

Private Starbuck passed on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917. The reason for his death is untold but is suspected to be because of heavy fighting in November 1917 where he was wounded several times. Kantara War Cemetery is where his grave is, he is positioned on row C grave 137.

However there is some confusion about John's records. Because there are two medal cards, one for John Starbuck that his wife applied for his 1914 star, and the other one for John Starbrook who was awarded the British, victory and 15 star medals. His commonwealth War Grave Certificate shows the name Starbrook. But they both have the same service number.