

## **Sgt Robert C Addison**

Robert was born in Kettlethorpe, the Addisons had the butchers in the house on the corner of Maltkiln Road, and he had two brothers and two sisters. He joined up on 14th August 1914, the 6th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment as Private No 9898 and was promoted to Corporal later that year. He was sent out to the Balkans on 18th July 1915 and promoted to Lance Sergeant. He was killed at Suvla Bay and his records are annotated "Officially regarded as having died on 9th August 1915". His name is listed on panel 44 to 46 of the Helles Memorial on the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, and is on a family grave in the churchyard.

### Historical Note:

In an attempt to break through the Turkish and German lines and command the Gallipoli Peninsula a big push from the ANZAC lines was to be supported by an outflanking landing of troops at Suvla Bay on 6th August 1915. When the ANZAC push failed the Suvla Bay landings became the principal thrust. General Stopford, an officer nearing retirement whose previous service was limited to a ceremonial post in London, was in command of the landings. Initial gains of high ground were lost to counter-attacks through inexperience and delayed orders, resulting in 12,000 casualties. Stopford was relieved of his command on 15th August. In total the allies suffered nearly 20,000 casualties during the landings at Suvla Bay.

