



### **PRIVATE FRANCIS CRIS MANNING**

1<sup>ST</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment

Service number: 5992

Killed in Action, aged 31yrs, near Bethune, Northern France, 21<sup>st</sup> December 1914

Panel 29, Le Touret War Memorial, Near Bethune, Northern France (*see map*)

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Francis was born in 1883 and baptized 6<sup>th</sup> May 1883 in Great Brington

Parents: George (born in Great Brington) and Selina (born in Harlestone),

Father: George Manning died 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1891, aged 41years

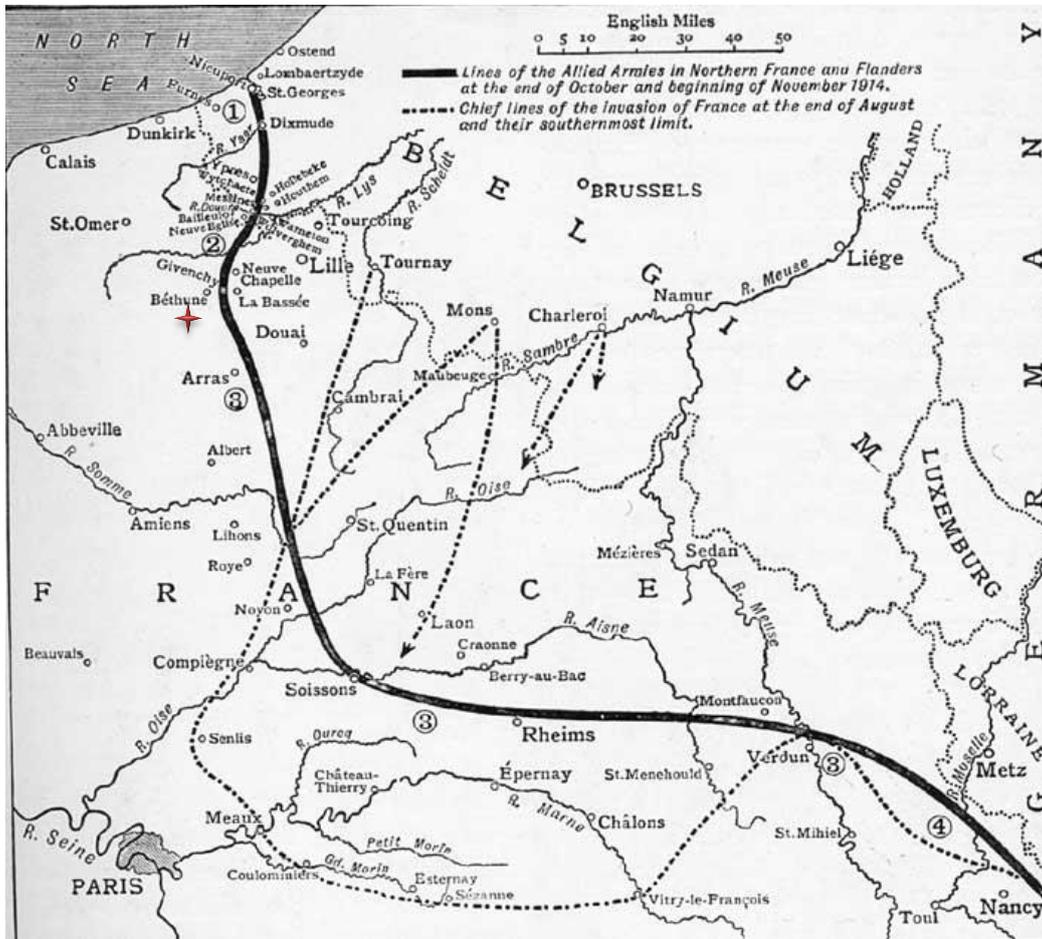
Mother: Selina Manning died 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1893, aged 48 years

Brother: Edward G – died in Charing Cross Hospital 1901 aged 21years

Brother: Lewis W – also Killed in Action in 1914 in Moulins, Aisne, France (*separate biography*)

1911 Census – Francis was a Woodman and was a boarder at 38 Lower Harlestone, Northants.

Medals:      1914 star      Victory Medal      British War Medal



1<sup>st</sup> Northamptonshire Regt.

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**WAR DIARY**  
or  
**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**  
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Army Form C. 2118.

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> 1914.	1 <sup>st</sup> Northamptonshire R. was on the north side of the line on South by 10 P.M. the position in front of us had been retaken with slight loss. Most of our Casualties coming from Artillery fire. Total Casualties killed & wounded. Three officers - about 60 men. - according to previous orders when the position had been retaken the Battalion was to withdraw the line to be held by the 1 <sup>st</sup> L.M.L. Regt. We had however to leave one Company D. in the line. The Rest of the Battalion withdrew back about 1/2 miles to Gilet's reaching them about 7 A.M. - on Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	x 2 Lieut Postfield killed 2 Lieut Wainwright killed. Capt O'Brien wounded.
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1914.	Received news about 9 A.M. that the enemy had attacked - broken through. our three Companies (B.C.A.) were at once ordered up to support. It was found that a trench back the line some 300 yards. it was found however that the forward	

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Various uncles and aunts and his sister-in-law, Harriet (wife of Lewis Manning) each received £- 13s 3d from Francis' effects. An uncle William received the £5 war gratuity. (roughly equivalent to £250 today).

In Memory of

Private

# Criss Manning

5992, 1st Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment who died on 21 December 1914

Remembered with Honour

Le Touret Memorial



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