



**PRIVATE LEWIS MANNING**

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

Service number: 7433

Killed in Action, aged 28yrs, in Moulins, Northern France, 17<sup>th</sup> September 1914

Plot 4 Row K No.4, Vendresse Military Cemetery, Aisne, France (*see map*)

Lewis was born in 1886 and baptized 25<sup>th</sup> July 1886 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: Francis C – also Killed in Action in 1914 near Bethune, N. France (*separate biography*)

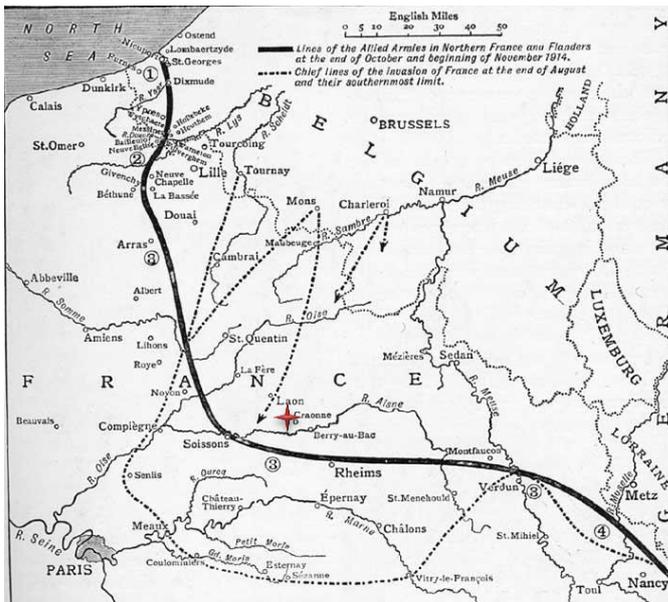
1911 Census – Lewis was a porter at Brixworth Union Workhouse, Northants.

1914 married Harriet Daffin in Kings Norton, Worcestershire.

[Harriet Daffin was also listed as a Workhouse officer in Kings Norton Workhouse in 1911].

1914 –son Louis G H Manning born in Kings Norton, Worcestershire

Medals:      1914 star      Victory Medal      British War Medal



Obituary – Northampton Independent, 24<sup>th</sup> October 1914

A Brave “Steelback” Killed in the famous charge

Among those gallant men of our county regiment who lost their lives in the now famous bayonet charge of the 1<sup>st</sup> Northampton on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, was Pte. Louis Manning, a native of Brington. He has a brother in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Northampton now stationed at Weymouth”

**WAR DIARY**  
or  
**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**  
*(Erase heading not required.)*

Army Form C. 218.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs, Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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His wife Harriett, who had a child shortly after Lewis was killed, received £3:2s:3d from Lewis' effects in January 1915. In May 1911, after the end of the war, she received a further war gratuity of £5 (roughly equivalent to £250 today).

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In Memory of

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Remembered with Honour  
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