Miles Riches

Miles was born on 14th August 1898 to parents Henry Minns Riches and Lily Riches (nee Mickleburgh) and baptised in Horningtoft Church on 18th August 1901 together with brother Reginald and sister Alice.

	Page 73. BAPTISMS folemnized in the Parish of Norminglest in the Year 18901						
	When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade,	By whom the Ceremony
			Christian.	Surname.	ZIUOGE,	Profession.	was performed.
Book 7 28 1901.	19 01. August 18 th No. 579.	Reginal L Walter Son of	Henry mind dily	Riches	Horning 17!	Laborares	Reston
Borne Septionle 14 tt. 1899.	19 07. August : No. 580.	Min Sog.	Heary Trium Lity	Riches	Anningtot	Labourer	Regel Ramis Law Rector
Bose	1901. August 18#. No. 581.	Iniles Son of	Stenny mina	Richas	Stroning loft	Laborrers.	Reid Arais Low- Lector

1911 Census shows Miles as being age 12, at school, the family are living at Home Farm, Oxwick Road, Horningtoft. Miles also now has more brothers, Bertram, Percy, Freddie and Edgar.

Miles Riches joined the 1st East Anglian Bde RFA, taking an oath of declaration before Ernest Felse Major, at Fakenham 20th day of May 1915 His medical inspection report:

Apparent age: 19 years 1 month

Height: 5ft 9ins

Physical development: Poor but will develop

On 25th May 1915 Miles was discharged as being under the age of 19 years, he was in fact only 16.

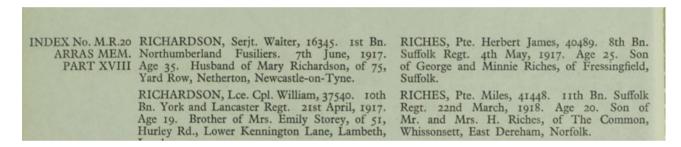
Miles Riches

Miles joined up again, but we have not been able to find these enlistment papers, possibly because more than half of WW1 service records were destroyed in September 1940 when a German bombing raid struck the War Office, these records are often referred to as 'the burnt records'



Suffolk Regiment Cap Badge

Miles was killed in action on the 22nd May 1918, age 20 at Flanders, France. He was a Private with the 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment and had enlisted at Kings Lynn.



Miles is remembered with honour on the Arras Memorial and on a Brass Plaque in St Edmund Church, Horningtoft.



His parents had moved to The Common, Whissonsett by the time of his death.