

## The Tragic Death of Ellen Andrew



**Ellen Andrew of the Territorial Force Nursing Service. Document reference: HETT 1/4.**

Ellen Andrew was born in Wrawby in Lincolnshire in 1886, the daughter of Frederic and Hannah Andrew. Ellen became a member of the Leicester Infirmary Nurse's League and subsequently served in France in the Territorial Force Nursing Service.

In early 1918 Ellen was serving in Number 58 Casualty Clearing Station at Lillers, near Bethune, in northern France. On the night of 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918 Lillers was subjected to a lengthy air raid and a number of bombs fell on the railway station, which was close to the hospital.

An ammunition train in the station blew-up causing extensive damage to the town and hospital and among those who were killed was Ellen Andrew. She was buried in Lillers Communal Cemetery and is also commemorated on the war memorial at Leicester Royal Infirmary. She was 32 years old.