

LT WALTER NOBLE DFC (1897-1901)

He was born on 15 October 1884 in Creeting St.Peter, Suffolk and appears to have joined the Army on leaving the College.

He served in the South African War in the Mounted Rifles and was awarded the Queen's and King's Medals. He next served in the 1906 Natal Rebellion.

He then became a tea-planter in India until the outbreak of WW1.

During WW1 he served initially in the 9th Battalion of the Essex Regiment before transferring to the Royal Flying Corps in September 1917. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross on 3 August 1918 "A skilful and determined observer who has been most successful in destroying enemy machines, very often when in superior strength to his own formation."

After WW1 he published a book, "*With a Bristol Fighter Squadron*", in 1920. He then became an importer of pedigree stock in Brazil.

On <http://www.theaerodrome.com/aces/england/noble.php> he is credited with downing 12 planes in total as an observer during WW1. The site provides brief details of each.

