

Matthew Thompson was born on 30th.April 1885 in Frox field,Hampshire.His father was a shepherd who came to work in Albury.When he enlisted he gave his mother's address as Weston Square,Albury.

Matthew served in the 12th.Battalion,King's Royal Rifle Corps.The Battalion proceeded to France on the 22nd.July 1915,landing at Boulogne.In 1916 they were in action at the Battle of Mount Sorrel.They were then in action on the Somme.In 1917 they were in action during the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line and then at the Battle of Arras.Matthew Thompson was killed on the 25th.April 1917 aged 21.He is buried in Bray Military Cemetery,France.

1. Memorial

2. 1911 Census

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6. Note

In Memory of

Rifleman

Matthew Thompson

R/15739, 12th Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps who died on 25 April 1917 Age 21

Son of Anthony and Kate Thompson, of North Dalton, Driffield, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Bray Military Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before entering on this Schedule please read the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the Instructions of the Census. The entries should be written in ink. The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Statements will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to head of family	AGE		SEX		MARRIAGE		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of person upon the year last completed.	Whether married to same person as in 1901	RESIDENCE of every person.	NATURALITY of every person.	EXEMPTION
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced					
1. <u>Richard Thompson</u>	Head	46		Married	19	8	8	8	8	Shipyard - B. Burn		Wells, Yorkshire	British	
2. <u>Beat Thompson</u>	Wife	39		Married	19	5	9					Wells, Yorkshire	British	
3. <u>Ellen Thompson</u>	Daughter	16		Single						School		Wells, Yorkshire	British	
4. <u>John Thompson</u>	Son	11		Single						School		Wells, Yorkshire	British	
5. <u>Richard Thompson</u>	Son	8		Single						School		Wells, Yorkshire	British	
6. <u>Ellen Thompson</u>	Daughter	7		Single						School		Wells, Yorkshire	British	
7. <u>David Thompson</u>	Son	3		Single						School		Wells, Yorkshire	British	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)
 I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled in to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Signature: J. Horner
 Postal Address: East Wick College, Littlehampton

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name: [Handwritten Name]
Apparent age: 20 years 0 months. Height: 5 feet 2 1/2 inches.
Chest measurement: [Handwritten] inches.
Distinctive marks: [Handwritten]

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin: [Handwritten]
Relationship: [Handwritten]
Particulars as to Marriage: [Handwritten]

Table with 4 columns: (a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow; (b) Place and date of marriage; (c) Present address; (d) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

Particulars as to Children.

Table with 3 columns: Christian Names; Date and Place of Birth; (d) Verified from certificate.

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Main service record table with columns: Corps in which served, Regt. or Depot, Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c., Army Rank, Dates, Service not allowed for reckon towards pension, Service in Reserve not allowed towards G. O. Pay, Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.

Total Service forfeited as above ...
Total Service towards Engagement to ... (date of discharge) ... years ... days

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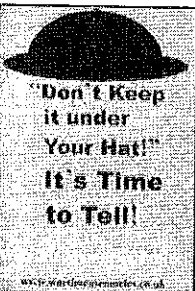
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12th Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps

12th (Service) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps was raised at Winchester on the 21st of September 1914 as part of Kitchener's Second New Army and joined 60th Brigade, 20th (Light) Division. After training close to home they moved to Bisleigh, then to Blackdown in November 1914 then February 1915 to billets in Hindhead. They moved to Larkhill on the 10th of April 1915 for final training. They proceeded to France on the 22nd of July 1915, landing at Boulogne and the division concentrating in the Saint-Omer area. They moved to the Fleurbaix area for trench familiarisation. In 1916 they were in action at the The Battle of Mount Sorrel, in which the Division, along with the Canadians, recaptured the heights. They were in action on the Somme in The Battle of Delville Wood, The Battle of Guillemont, The Battle of Flers-Courcelette, The Battle of Morval and The Battle of Le Transloy. In 1917 they were in action during The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, The Battle of Langemarck, The Battle of the Menin Road Ridge, The Battle of Polygon Wood and The Cambrai Operations. In 1918 they fought in The Battle of St Quentin, The actions at the Somme crossings and The Battle of Rosieres engaging in heavy fighting in each battle, on the 20th of April they were withdrawn to the area south west of Amiens and received many new drafts of men during the summer. They returned to action at The Battle of the Selle and fought in The Battle of Valenciennes, The Battle of the Sambre and the passage of the Grand Honelle. At the Armistice the Division was in the area between Bavay and Maubeuge and later that month the units moved to the Toutencourt-Marieux area. Demobilisation of the Division began in January 1919 and was complete by the end of May.

If you can provide any additional information, please [add it here](#).

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Do you have any photos, postcards, documents or memorabilia relating to this unit? Please [add to this archive](#).

Those known to have served with 12th Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps during the Great War 1914-1918.

- [Allsop](#) Arthur E. Rfln. (d.15th Jun 1917)
- [Broughton](#) Thomas Robert. Pte. (d.5th Aug 1916)
- [Brown](#) Arthur Benjamin. Rflmn.
- [Brown](#) Arthur Benjamin. Rflmn.
- [Cotton](#) Walter. Pte. (d.27th Oct 1918)
- [Cranidge](#) John Johnson. Rflmn. (d.29th March 1918)
- [Elliott](#) Thomas. Pte. (d.19th September 1916)
- [Foster](#) Arthur.
- [Gledhill](#) Herbert. Pte.
- [Green](#) Charles Robert. Rflmn.
- [Hawkesworth](#) Ernest Alfred. Cpl. (d.16th August 1917)
- [Hey](#) Joe. Pte. (d.16th Aug 1917)
- [Lamb](#) Joseph. Cpl.
- [Leek](#) David. Rfn. (d.22nd Sep 1917)
- [Millett](#) Edward William John. Rflmn. (d.2nd April 1918)
- [Powell](#) Percy. Pte. (d.16th Aug 1917)
- [Rose](#) Samuel. Rflmn. (d.18th Sep 1916)
- [Smitheringale](#) Joseph Henry. Rflmn. (d.26th November 1918)
- [Sydee](#) Alfred Henry. Rfn. (d.23rd Sept 1918)
- [Thomas](#) Henry George. Rfn. (d.14th Dec 1917)
- [Titmas](#) Bertie Edmund. L/Cpl. (d.16th Aug 1917)
- [Woodhouse](#) John. Rflmn. (d.4th Oct 1917)

The names on this list have been submitted by relatives, friends, neighbours and others who wish to remember them, if you have any names to add or any recollections or photos of those listed, please [Add a Name to this List](#)

Years: 1891, 1901

[\(/person/114525\)](/person/114525)**Matthew Thompson (/person/114525)****Date Birth:** 30/04/1895 — **Place Of Birth:** Shillinglee Park, Froxfield, Hampshire —**Father:** Anthony Thompson — **Mother:** Kate Thompson — **Siblings:** Frank Thompson, Richard Thompson, David Thompson, Florence Thompson, Kate Thompson, Edith**Thompson, Ellen Thompson** — **Date Marriage:** 30/11/2002 — **Date Death:** 25/04/1917 —**Age Actual:** 21 — **Cemetery:** Bray Military Cemetery, France — **Rank:** Private — **Service Type:** Army —**Battalion:** 12th Battalion — **Regiment:** King's Royal Rifle Corps — **Service Number:** R/15739 — **Service Record:**Parents originally from Driffild in Yorkshire. Later lived in Shamley Green, Surrey. He signed up in 1915, when he was a bricklayer working in Albury. His father was a shepherd. Only 5' 3" tall. — **Census Years:**

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