



Edward William THOMAS

Private. 7th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders

At KES:

Edward came to KES in 1905 from his home in Plaistow. He had no father. A good musician, he was described as "very good" in the band. Not surprisingly, when he left in 1911, he went straight to be a bandsman in the Seaforth Highlanders.

Date of Death: 12th October 1916

Place: France

Buried: Thiepval Memorial, Somme

It is probable that Edward was killed in action during the Battle of Le Transloy, which took place as part of the battle of the Somme. He has no known grave.

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...was killed whilst serving with the 7th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders on October 12th 1916. He was in France with his old battalion, the 2nd, for over a year, when he was invalided home with knee trouble caused by a football accident. When better he was sent to the band at the Depot, Fort George, Inverness and then later joined up with the 7th battalion. Whenever opportunity came, Thomas always paid his old school a visit. His bandmaster writes:-

He grew up to be a splendid lad, about six feet tall. He was a manly, straightforward fellow, very polite and reliable. We were all very grieved to hear of his death, as he was so recently with us"

Thomas was a popular lad among his fellows, a good sportsman, and a loyal chum. To his sorrowing mother and friends we tender our sincere sympathy.