

Thomas Frederick GREEN

At KES:

Thomas was born in Hoxton in 1878 and came to KES from his home in Islington in 1890. His mother was Jane Elizabeth Green and his father is unknown. His occupation was Tailor. He was described as "a very bad boy" and was expelled in November 1892.

Date of Death: unknown

The Roll of Honour gives his regiment as the Welsh Fusiliers but the Thomas Frederick Green of the Welsh Border Regiment died in September 1918 in Greece; he was 18 years old and his parent's names were different. So what happened to "our Thomas"?

He had been in the 15th Hussars but had been discharged at the end of his service, probably after the Boer War.

The 1901 census has him in the military at Shorncliffe Camp, Folkestone and in the 1911 census he is living with his mother in Islington and his occupation given as a veneer cutter.

Service records tell us that he enlisted on 30th August 1914 for the 14th Reserve Cavalry, but was discharged as unfit for service on 14th January 1915.

Clearly Thomas was a chap who was not afraid to fight for his country, but he may not have lost his life as a result.