



Thomas William MANNING

Private. 4th Bn Middlesex Regiment

At KES:

Thomas was born in 1898 and came to KES in 1908 as an orphan, his father having died. His occupation at KES was in the Engine House where he proved himself very capable, and he may well have had a job as an engineer if the war had not intervened. He was an excellent sportsman although his nickname was "Fatty"!

Date of Death: 20th July 1915

Place: Belgium

Buried: Menin Gate Memorial

Thomas has no known grave but was killed during the actions of Hooge in the Ypres Salient. On the 19th July 1915 the British exploded one and a half tons of ammonal beneath the German positions and consolidate a huge crater torn in the German lines. On 30th July 1915 using liquid fire for the first time, the Germans broke through the British lines and captured the crater. On 9th August 1915 the British recaptured the crater; they would hold it until the summer of 1916.

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It was with deep regret we received the news of Manning's death. We knew that, young as he was, he was keen on going forward to serve his King and Country, and we mourn his loss at **17** years of age. Tommy, familiarly known to us as "Fatty", was a real sportsman and was in the 1913 1st XI cricket team. Loyal to his chums, popular with the staff, and a lad full of vim and fun was fatty, and to his sister we extend our heartfelt sympathy.