Thame Remembers

Sapper
George Alfred Bateman

George Alfred Bateman was one of the seven children born to James and Annie Bateman. He was born in Gas Alley, Thame in 1878.
In 1891 George was working as an agricultural labourer. By 1901, the family had moved to Four Ashes, Hughenden, near High Wycombe, where George was employed as a carter. Later that same year he married Clara Bates, and moved to High Wycombe, where they went on to have five children.

After moving to Woking, Surrey, shortly before the start of the war, George enlisted with the Royal Engineers at Woolwich in 1915, service number 89239, with the rank of Pioneer (non trade). He went to France in October 1915, and by 1918 had received the rank of Sapper, serving with the 144th Army Troops Company. He was killed on 28th March 1918, the first day of a German offensive at Arras. His widow received £24 12s. 10d. in accrued pay and war gratuity.

Sapper Bateman has no known grave, and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. He is also remembered on Woking war memorial, but currently has no memorial in Thame.

**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered to
Arras Memorial on
1st November 2015
by
Ron Roberts
Thame Remembers**

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