



Thame Remembers



Private Henry J Cozier

Born in September 1879, when his parents were living in North Street, Thame, Henry John Cozier was the fourth child of seven to Richard and Phyllis Cozier. He married Florence Wharton in Thame on 23rd May 1904, and went to live in Wellington Street, where they had five children.

A member of the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars before the war, he reached the rank of Corporal before retiring, and then, when the National Reserve was started in Thame he became one of its first members, and joined Class I, volunteering for general service. When war broke out, he went up with several other reservists, and was drafted to the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry. On 20th May 1915, Henry, having recently been promoted to corporal, entrained for France with the 5th (Service) Battalion, part of the 42nd Brigade, 14th Division.

On 25th September 1915, the battalion suffered horrific casualties in an action at Bellwaarde Farm, a pre-cursor to the Battle of Loos. Henry was posted missing, but it was not until the following year his death was confirmed, becoming the third man from Thame to have died that day in the same action.

Having no known grave his name is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres. In Thame Corporal Cozier is commemorated on the War Memorial, and also on the memorial boards for St Mary's, All Saints, and Christchurch.



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