



Thame Remembers

Lance Corporal Reginald Phillips



Reginald Phillips was born in Thame, Oxon in 1893, and baptised at St Mary's Church on 10th May 1893 the son of William and Mary Phillips (nee Goodenough). He was the youngest of two sons and three daughters. In 1891 the family were living in Chinnor Road Thame but by 1901 had moved to South Newington near Banbury. In 1911 Reginald was listed as a visitor on a farm in Tiddington where he was learning farming.

He was working for the Aylesbury Dominion Dairy Ltd when he enlisted in the 1/1st Bucks Btn in Aylesbury on 14th September 1914 with regimental number 2626. His regimental number was later 265866 1st Btn of the Oxf and Bucks Light Infantry. The unit was part of the South Midlands Brigade which landed at Boulogne on 30th March 1915 and were soon in position in the trenches of the Somme. The Brigade took part in many of the phases of the Battle of the Somme throughout 1916. There were many skirmishes prior to the German withdrawal in 1917 and it must have been during one of these that Reginald was killed in action on 8th June 1917.

He is buried in Hermies British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Reginald is not remembered in Thame but is commemorated on the Dominion Dairy Memorial Board now located in the TA Centre Aylesbury.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
31st October 2015
by
Andrew Misseldine
Thame Resident**

