



Thame Remembers

Private
Eric Leon Boiling



Eric Leon Boiling was born in Thame in 1893 to 34 year old unmarried mother Jane Elizabeth Boiling. He was baptised at St Mary's on 25th March 1894. The family were living at the Red Cow on the Aylesbury Road where Jane's mother Jane Eliza Boiling was the licensee. Jane married James Burnard in 1895 and they moved to 46 Park Street. In 1911, Eric was living with his uncle Edward Boiling in Wealdstone, Middlesex, and was working as a dental mechanic. Eric married Kathleen Kingshott in the St Martins district of London in August 1915.

The "G" prefix of Eric's service number signifies that he joined for war service only in early 1915. He embarked for France, with the 8th Battalion, East Kent (Buffs) Regiment on 1st September 1915. Just three weeks later, on 26th September, the battalion, as part of the 17th Brigade, 24th Division, was put into the fight on the second day of the Battle of Loos. The inexperienced troops suffered heavily from machine gun fire crossing open ground and then artillery fire in front of the uncut German wire. The battalion almost ceased to exist, losing 24 officers, and 610 other ranks, killed, wounded, or missing. Eric age 22 was among them.

G/2220, Private Eric Leon Boiling, East Kent Regiment, has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France. He is remembered in Thame on the war memorial and on St Marys Church and All Saints Church memorial boards.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to the Loos Memorial on
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by
Amanda Binnee**

