

THOMAS SYDNEY LEES

Birth: 1890. He was the son of Leonard and Beatrice F. of 28 Cranfield Rd, Brockley.

Thomas was baptised on the 3rd of December 1913.

Private, LEES, THOMAS SYDNEY, 13th Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment (Service Number 205459). Died 25/03/1918, Aged 28. ARRAS MEMORIAL [Bay 8] (France).

War Service:

Before he enlisted for war in 1916, he was No 2803 in the County of London Yeomanry.

He became a Private in the 13th Battalion (1st Barnsley) York and Lancaster Regiment fighting in the Second battle of the Somme. On the 21st of March the Germans had launched the Kaiserslacht Offensive. This biggest bombardment of the war was their effort to try to break the Allies before the Americans arrived on the battle field. They were evacuated on the evening of the 25th and withdrew from Bapaune to go towards Arras. They were supported by the Flying Corps.

Location of Memorial:

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial together with 34,716 other WW1 soldiers, who have no known grave. He is also commemorated on the memorial at St Margaret's, Lee

Dates: 1890 - 1918