

EDWARD FREDERICK "TED" TUMBER

Birth: He was born in 1888, in Maharashtra, India
He was the son of Philip Samson and Annie Maunder.
Edward "Ted" was a bank clerk. He became a supplementary Lay Clerk to St Margaret's Church in November 1913.

Sergeant, TUMBER, EDWARD F., 1st/5th Bn. London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade) (Service Number 9830) Died 01/07/1916, Aged 28.

War Service

In early 1914 E.F. enlisted. Sent to the Trenches in Belgium. He had some narrow escapes.

In 13 June 1914 he had a few days leave after 7 months and was able to come to Church on one of the days.

22 Jan 1915 he wrote to Mr Leeds, the choirmaster

"The Land of Mud"

How are you all at St Margaret's? I have been wondering if Robert is under orders for this mud-heap. I hear Kitchener's Army is to arrive here soon, and am wondering if his regiment is likely to come to this part of the line, as we are to be relieved soon. Such promises have been floating about for some time, and so far nothing has happened. Up till now we have been working with the Regulars, but now have a small bit of trench "on our own"; and are in three days at a time. We are going in again tonight, and hope to have a more peaceful time than the last. The snipping was terrible; we lost two men shot, and I believe we have had more casualties since.

"The weather lately has been atrocious; but to-day shows a great improvement, and we are hoping for a better time. May I suggest that any coming out should bring a good waterproof cape and leggings? They will be found most useful, and lots of our men are writing home for them.

Kind regards to yourself and all at St Margaret's.

Yours sincerely,

E.F. Tumber

War Service:

Edward F Tumber died 1 July 1916 on the first day of the battle of the Somme.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial [pier and face 9D] (France) with other soldiers with unknown graves from the Battle of the Somme.

**Location of Memorial:**

He is also remembered on the memorial at St Margaret's, Lee

Dates: 1888 - 1916