

CECIL THOMAS GRAY HOYS

Birth: 27th June 1895 in Lewisham Road, Lee, Kent.

He was the son of Thomas Gray Hoys, a Provision Merchant.

They lived at 112 Burnt Ash Rd.

His mother later lived at 62 Granville Park, Lewisham.

When Cecil left school he took up a position with the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company.

Cecil had a younger brother Frank who survived WWI and WWII whilst serving in both. He became a writer which is described in the Colfe's War-time Obituaries and Reports. Amongst others he wrote "The Quiet Man"

Second Lieutenant, HOYS, Cecil Thomas Gray. He enlisted on 3.9.1914 into the 20th Battalion (Blackheath and Woolwich) of the London Regiment. Died 15/09/1916.

ADANAC MILITARY CEMETERY, MIRAUMONT[VI K 1] (France).

War Service:

Cecil Hoys first served in the London Regiment as a Private [service numbers 2360 and 630717]. He then gained a commission as a Second Lieutenant firstly in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and then in the 150th Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) on 27 March 1916. He was wounded on the 26th May whilst serving with the London Regiment and was later killed in action on the Somme on 15th September on the opening day of the Battle of Flers-Courcelette. He is buried in the Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont [VI K 1] (France).

Location of Memorial:

He is commemorated on the Memorials of St Margaret's, Lee; Christ Church, Lee; Lee Borough War Memorial (where he is Guy not Gray); and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lee.

Dates: 1895 - 1916

Frank Dudley Hoys was born on 8th January 1898. He joined up on 1st October 1914, shortly after leaving school aged 16, as a Gunner in the 4th London Royal Field Artillery. He was commissioned into the Battalion of the Bedford Regiment towards the end of 1916 and subsequently became a Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps serving in Mesopotamia, Egypt and Palestine. He died in 1916.