

Thomas Wayman Amps

3/8942, 3rd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Died 22 February 1920 aged 30

Thomas Amps is a name missing from the Warboys War Memorial. He was born March 1886 fourth of nine children of Wayman Amps and Eliza (nee Leeden). Both Thomas and his father were horse keepers. The family lived at West End then Puddock Drove Warboys.

Thomas was one of the first to enlist joining the 3rd Battalion Suffolk Regiment as a reservist 2 April 1914. The battalion was mobilised to France in November where Thomas received a gun shot wound. After recovering at home in Warboys, Thomas was sent to Salonika, Greece to fight the Austrians and Bulgarians. It was there that he first contracted malaria in December 1916.



After frequent relapses Thomas was hospitalised in Malta October 1917. He was discharged with a pension due to “morbid infection” in September 1918. Thomas was sent home to Warboys where he died of malaria 22 February 1920, age 30.

Thomas is buried in Warboys churchyard with an official War Graves headstone, his will named his father as next of kin. Sadly his parents, Wayman and Eliza, both died soon after in 1929.



Thomas Amps finally now has his name recorded on the memorial bench by the War Memorial.

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