



Thame Remembers



Lance Corporal Reginald Isaac Cross

Reginald Isaac Cross was born in Moreton near Thame in 1893 the son of Thomas Cross and Zilpah Lewis Cross. His father later lived at Northend Henley on Thames. In 1911 when 18yrs Reginald was employed as a grocers assistant and living in Moreton with his widowed father Thomas and his younger sister Ella.

In 1915 Reginald enlisted in the 5th Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry and was given the regimental number 16617. The 5th Battalion arrived in Belgium on the 21st May 1915 having been placed under the orders of the 42nd Brigade 14th Light Infantry. The division, at the Battle of the Hooge, on the 30th July 2015, was the first to be attacked by flame throwers. The same year the Division were involved in the 2nd attack of Bellewaarde, which started on the 25th September 1915 and entailed heavy losses to the attacking infantry. Reginald Cross died in action that day aged 22yrs.

Reginald has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres. He is remembered in Thame on both Thame and Moreton war memorials and on St Mary's church memorial board.



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