



Thame Remembers



Private Jack Archer Keene

Jack Archer Keene was born in Barnsley, Gloucestershire 1898 to parents Frank and Sarah. Frank Keene and Sarah Archer had married in Thame on 22 November 1891. Jack had three sisters and two brothers all born in Thame. Both his brothers served in the Royal Navy, Percy survived but Frederick went down with HMS Pathfinder.

Jack had joined the Territorials Oxf and Bucks Light Infantry and was mobilised with the 4th Battalion in August 1914. They were part of the South Midland Brigade that landed at Boulogne in March 1915 and were soon in the trenches of the Somme. They served throughout the many phases of the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and in early 1917 the Brigade moved to the Ypres area. Jack Keene was killed during the Battle of Langemark on 16th August 1917.

His body was never identified and he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial Ypres Belgium. He is remembered in Thame on the War Memorial and on All Saints Memorial Board.

His outstanding pay of £5 17s 7d was paid to his father in 1917 and his war gratuity of £13 10s paid to his mother who by 1919 had moved to live in Reading.



**The
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was delivered to
Tyne Cot Memorial on
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by
Richard Bowdrey
Thame Resident**

