



Thame Remembers



Lieutenant Duncan Haldane Ostrehan

Lieutenant Duncan H Ostrehan was the eldest son of John Elliot Duncan Ostrehan and Alice Rebecca Ostrehan of Bank House, Cornmarket, Thame where his father was the Bank Manager from 1895 to 1920. He was born on 11th March 1891 and baptised at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Worminghall, Bucks on 12th May 1891.

Duncan was studying agriculture in Cumberland in 1911 and joined the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment at the start of WW1. He and his brother served with the 1/4th Battalion, a Territorial battalion which was raised in Preston in August 1914. They landed in Boulogne in May 1915 and served throughout the campaigns of 1915 and 1916. Duncan went missing in action during the Battle of Messines, near Ypres in July 1917. His Colonel reports that he had been gallantly leading his company all day but towards evening they had to fall back a little owing to the strength of the enemy in numbers and it was then that he became missing on 21st July 1917. A total of four officers and 44 men were killed from the battalion during the battle.

He has no known grave and so is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium. In Thame he is remembered on the town war memorial and All Saints and Lord Williams's school memorial boards.



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