



Thame Remembers

Sergeant Brian Perry



Brian Perry was born in Enfield Middx on 17th May 1897. He was the fourth son of Richard Henry and Rose Perry, who had six other children. The family lived at 'Wynnsted', North Road, Berkhamsted. Richard, Brian's father was a printer and advertising agent. Brian was educated at Berkhamsted School and Lord Williams's Grammar School, Thame, where he won the School Championship Cup.

Brian followed his father into the printing business and was a printer's apprentice in 1911. He quickly signed up after the outbreak of war and joined the Middlesex Regiment, in September 1914,. A tall, well-developed young man, he was soon accepted into the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps, arriving on 22nd October 1914 when perhaps too young in years. He received rapid promotion to Sgt and showed promise of becoming a first class cavalry officer.

In June 1915, Brian contracted meningitis on a camp and became seriously ill. He died in the 3rd London General Hospital in Wandsworth on 18th August 1915, aged just eighteen. Although he had not seen active service, he was given a full military funeral.

The Inns of Court Officer Training Corps was formed in London in August 1914 and moved to Berkhamsted on 26th September 1914, where they occupied tented accommodation in a field near the railway station until 1918.

Brian is buried in Rectory Lane Cemetery, Berkhamsted and commemorated in Thame on Lord Williams's school memorial board.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
21st October 2015
by
Cllr Nichola Dixon
Mayor of Thame**

