Thame Remembers

Rifleman
Roland Arthur Pullen

Ronald Arthur Pullen was born in Long Crendon in 1898 but by 1901 the family were living in Moreton, Thame, Oxon. His parents were Charles Phillip and Rose Pullen. Roland had three younger brothers, Harold, Charles and Herbert. In 1911 Roland, age 13, was working as a butcher's errand boy in Moreton.

Roland was living in Kilburn N W London when he volunteered for service with the Rifle Brigade on 12th July 1915 giving his age as 19 yrs and trade as a butcher. After his training Rifleman L/1573 Pullen went to France in 15th April 1916 to join the 16th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. The 16th were engaged in the Battle of the Somme during September 1916 when Roland died of wounds, that he received in action, on 2nd September 1916. He is buried in Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont–Hamel, Somme, France.

His back pay of £8 10s and war gratuity of £4 was paid to his father Phillip in Moreton. Roland is remembered on Thame war memorial as well as Moreton war memorial, and on All Saints ' church memorial board.

The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
31st October 2015
by
Peter Gulland
Thame Museum

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