



# Thame Remembers

## Private Benjamin Squires



Benjamin Squires was born in Thame in 1897, one of the eight children of Herbert and Amelia Squires, 71 Park Street, including his brother Joseph, who was killed at Passchendaele in 1917.

In February 1915 Benjamin enlisted with the Grenadier Guards (Private, 22664), and after training embarked for France in October, joining the 4th Battalion. On 26th September 1916, he received gunshot wounds to the legs, arms & chest when in an attack at Lesboeuifs, during the Battle of the Somme.

Having recovered from his wounds, he returned to the front to join the 2nd Battalion, with the Guards Division. On 28th March, 1918, Benjamin, age 21, was one of 22 from the battalion killed in the First Battle of Arras, during the German spring offensive.

His mother, being his sole legatee, received his accrued pay, and war gratuity payment of over £30.

Benjamin Squires has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. He is remembered in Thame on the town War Memorial, and on St Marys, All Saints' and Christchurch memorial boards.



**The  
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was delivered to  
Arras Memorial on  
1st November 2015  
by  
Ron Roberts  
Thame Remembers**

