



# Thame Remembers



## Gunner Herbert H Richardson

Herbert Hiscock Richardson was born in Thame in 1884, the eldest of three sons of Mary Ann Hiscock and John Richardson, for whom she is described as housekeeper. The family lived in East Street, Thame

After leaving school, Herbert took up his father's trade as a coach maker. In 1911 he was living at Hampstead, London with his wife Nellie Bowler who he had married in Woburn, Bedfordshire.

Enlisting with the Royal Garrison Artillery at St Pancras, London, he was posted with the 126th Heavy Battery to the western front. From their original arrival in Le Havre in April 1916, over the next two years the battery served on the Somme, northern France and Belgium, before moving back to the area of the Somme in the spring of 1918. For several months, the battery was based at Englebelmer, north west of Albert, where they suffered a number of casualties from German shelling. Gunner 156617 Herbert Richardson, was one of two men killed on the 22nd May 1918. He is buried in Hedauville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France

Gunner Richardson is commemorated in Thame on the war memorial and on the All Saints church honour board. His name is also recorded on the memorial stone to Thomas Bowler, his wife's father, in St Michael's churchyard, Woburn Sands.



**The  
Thame Remembers Cross  
was delivered  
to his grave on  
30 May 2016  
by  
The McEwan family  
Thame Residents**

