

Private Jesse Tilbury

22561 15th Battalion Hampshire Regiment



Jesse was born in 1889 in Overton to John and Mary Ann Tilbury and was baptised there on 10th November 1889. The 1891 Census shows Jesse, age 1, living with John and Mary Ann Tilbury in Red Lion Lane, Overton. His father John was born in Steventon and his mother, Mary Ann in Kingsclere. In 1911 the census lists Jesse boarding with Richard and Maria Cummins, at Manor Farm Cottages, in Whitchurch where he was working as a carter.

Jesse enlisted in Basingstoke and was killed in action in France during the Battle of the Somme at the age of 27 years.

The Hants & Berks Gazette of 30th September 1916 reported the following:

Roll of Honour Further deaths have taken place at the Front of Overton men, the latest being Pte J Tilbury, Hants Regt., We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives.

Private Jesse Tilbury, 22561, 15th (Service) Bn Hampshire Regt died 15th September 1916.

The War Diary of the 15th Bn Hants Regt for 1st to 15th September 1916 records:

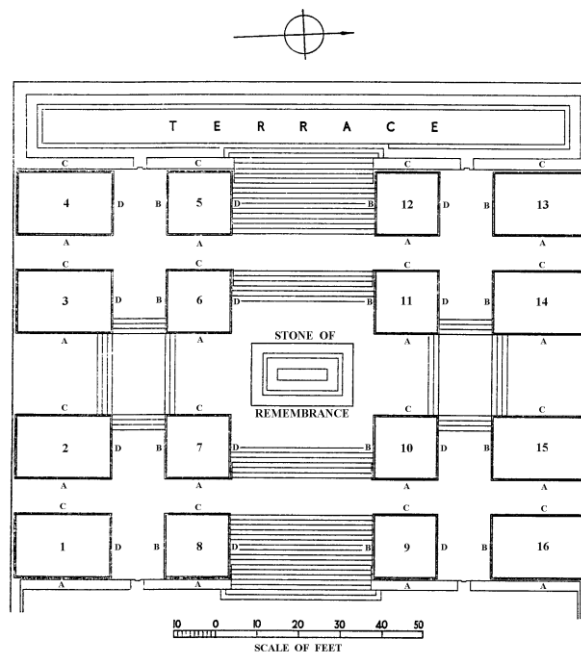
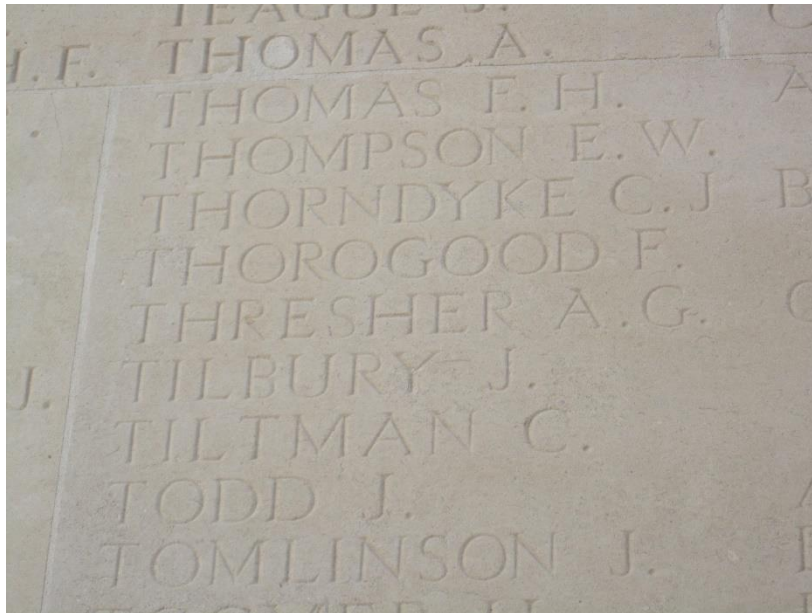
WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY		Army Form C. 2118	
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Place	Date SEAF	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
VILLES-SENS- RULLY.	1 5		Training in Sect.
DIERNANCOURT	5 6	1.20 AM	Transport moved to DIERNANCOURT, in LONGPRE (nr. AMIENS) Battalion marched to LONGPRE-LEP. CORPS. SHIRT and subsisted at 6.20 P.M. Battalion arrived at MERICOURT 9.15 P.M. - detained and marched to Camp at DIERNANCOURT, arriving at 1.45 P.M.
	4 5		Training in Camp.
FRICOURT	11 12	3.15 AM 3 AM	Battalion marched to FRICOURT via MERULTE - BECORDEL Arrived FRICOURT 5.30 A.M. Battalion moved to trenches at MONTAUBAN. Co. Reserve to the 2 nd Sec. Comd. Officer & Coy. Commanders visited Front Line trenches West of BELVILLE WOOD.
TRENCHES W. OF BELVILLE WOOD.	13 14	6.15 AM 11.30	Battalion returned to Camp near FRICOURT Batt. relieved 20 th D.L.I. Relief complete by 6.15 A.M. 14 th Our Artillery very active all day during FLEET and BARRAGE.
(ATTACK)	15	6.20 AM	Moved to Assembly Trenches. Two person Commanders Aided to AMIENS 10.20 P.M. 14 th and Lt. A. BADDELEY Lt. 10 P.M. 15-9-16. Action commenced with the Batt. moving down to main line, just behind the barrage. The barrage in front of the Batt. was 200 yards - just ahead the main had been turned to right - 7 Crews up to 300 yards so far as keeping the enemy quiet. Things were not so satisfactory on our left however. In a few 10 mins. was taken up before the machine guns were secured.

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On the 15 September (Attack) there are 3 pages of detail ending with casualties; ORs killed 31, missing 60, Wounded 188.

Jesse Tilbury would have been amongst these 31 Other Ranks killed.

He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 7C & 7B. He has no known grave. The photographs at Thiepval were taken in 2016, the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.



THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
THE NUMBERS OF THE PIERS
AND LETTERS OF THE FACES

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Private Jesse Tilbury was awarded the Victory and British medals.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
TILBURY.	Hampshire R.	Pte.	22561.
Jesse.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	C/1103. B28	4746	
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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29/10/2016