

Compton Chamberlayne

Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



33310 PRIVATE

T. PLOWMAN

1st BN ROYAL BERKSHIRE REGIMENT

(PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF WALES')

3RD MAY, 1917

Thomas PLOWMAN

Thomas Plowman was born at Compton Chamberlayne and his birth was registered at Wilton, Wiltshire in the December quarter of 1874.

The 1881 Census records Thomas Plowman as a 6 year old, who was born at Compton Chamberlayne. He was recorded with his parents – Joseph Plowman (father, aged 46, agricultural labourer) & his mother Anne M Plowman (aged 35). Also recorded as living at the same household were an older brother - William, aged 8 & younger sister – Amy, aged 3.

The 1891 Census records Thomas Plowman as a 16 year old Agricultural labourer, living with his parents Joseph (father, aged 56, agricultural labourer) & his mother Maria Plowman (aged 41) at Compton Chamberlayne. Also recorded living at the same household were an older brother - William, aged 18, & younger sisters – Amy, aged 13, Rose, aged 10 & Ruth, aged 6.

The 1901 Census records Thomas Plowman, aged 26, a General Carrier living with his brother Charles (William), aged 28, also a General Carrier. Also listed in the house were Charles' wife – Sarah, aged 29 & 10 year old Dorothy Edwards who was listed as adopted. The address was 75 Park Road, South Stoneham, Christchurch, Hampshire.

Thomas Plowman married Matilda Kate Stride in the September quarter of 1905 in the district of Christchurch, Hampshire.

The 1911 Census records Thomas Plowman as a 35 year old married General Labourer. He was living at 9 Coastguard Station Stanpit, Christchurch, Hampshire, a 5 roomed dwelling. Also recorded was his wife Matilda Plowman, aged 34. They had been married for 5 years & had 2 children – *Dorothy* – aged 2 & Kathleen – aged 6 months. Thomas & Matilda had also had another 2 children but they had died. Maria Plowman, Thomas's widowed mother, aged 66 was also listed.

Thomas & Matilda Plowman had more children – a birth was registered for Patricia M in the June quarter of 1912 & in the September quarter of 1914 – twin girls – Gladys J & Phoebe R. In the March quarter of 1916, twins were again registered – Emily E & Thomas G .

Private Thomas Plowman, service number 33310, was enlisted with the 1st Bn of the Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment). He enlisted at Christchurch, Hants.

He was killed in action on 3rd May, 1917, aged 42 years. Pte Thomas Plowman is remembered on Bay 7 of the Arras Memorial in France and is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Pte Thomas Plowman was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals.

Arras Memorial - France

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who were killed in the Arras sector and have no known grave.

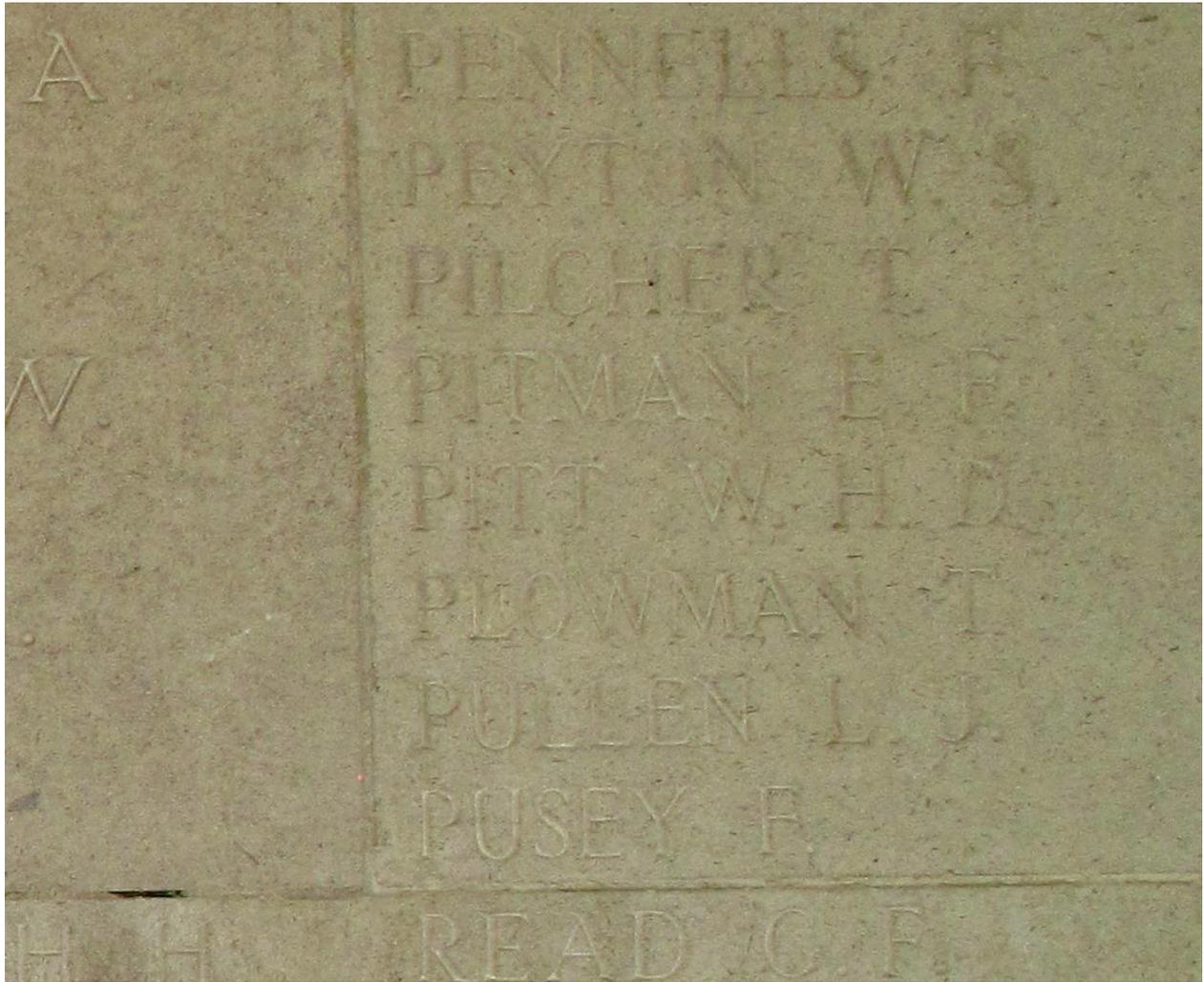
Most of the casualties commemorated on the Arras Memorial were killed during the Allied offensive during the Battles of Arras in April and May 1917 and during the German attack on the Allied Front from 21st March 1918. (CWGC)

Arras Memorial Photographs

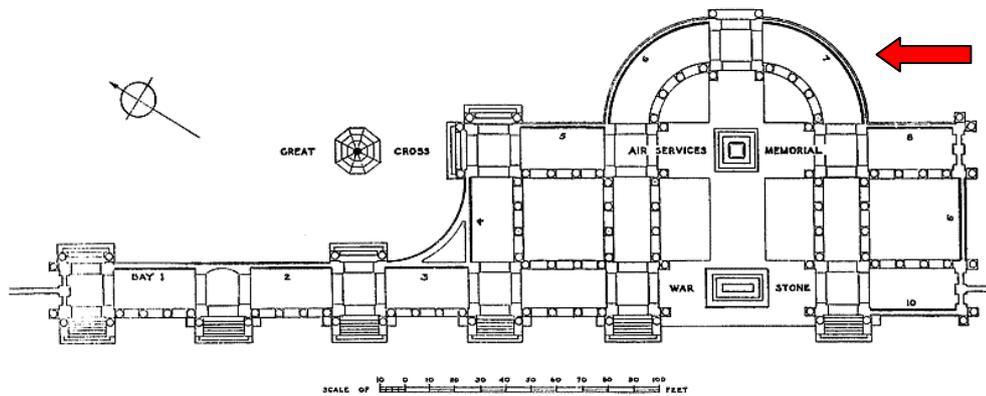


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