Thame Remembers

Trooper
Reginald G Farmbrough

Born in Old Bradwell, Buckinghamshire on the 26th July 1887, Reginald George Farmbrough was the youngest of nine children of Marian (nee Clapham) and Charles Griffes Farmbrough, a farmer.

By 1911 he had left home, and moved to Rycote, where he was assisting in the business of farmer Frank Chapman at Lobbersdown Hill Farm.
In 1913 he enlisted with the local territorial's, the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars. When the regiment was mobilised at the start of the Great War, they embarked for France on the 19th September 1914, going on to be the first territorial unit to see action. As cavalry they spent much of the early wars years up until the spring of 1917 in defensive positions.
In March 1918, the Germans launched their spring offensive on the Somme. The QOOH, part of the 4th Cavalry Brigade, were heavily involved in the fighting, suffering many casualties during the German advance, including Trooper Reginald George Farmbrough who was wounded. He was evacuated to 12th General Hospital in Rouen, France and died of his wounds there on the 4th April 1918.

He is buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen. In his will he left over £280 to his father. He is commemorated on both the Thame and Moreton war memorials, and also on the memorial boards of St Mary's and All Saints churches.

The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
10 May 2016
by
David Laver
Thame Resident &
former Mayor of Thame

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