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Name: Thomas George Thorogood

Rank: Private

Service Number: 3288

Date of Death: 6th August 1916

Age: 28 (32)

Regiment/Service: 28th Battalion Australian Infantry
A.I.F

Award: British War and Victory medals

Grave/Memorial Reference:

Cemetery/Memorial: VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL, SOMME, FRANCE

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)



Pre War:

His mother was Sarah Thorogood of 26, Ickleford Rd, Hitchin. His father was the late George Thorogood. He was a farm labourer and came from Australia on the 'Medic', sailing from Freemantle on the 18th January 1916.

Wartime Service:

Thomas was given the Regimental Number 3288 and served in the 28th (Western Australia) Battalion having joined on the 13th September 1915. He arrived at Marseilles via Alexandria on the 27th March 1916. He fought in France on the Somme, Arras and Lens. He was suffering from a hernia at the time of his death and was probably killed in the Battle of Pozieres as part of the 1st Anzac Corps.

The 28th (Western Australia) Battalion was part of the 7th Australian Brigade, 2nd Australian Division, 1st Anzac Corps of the Reserve Army. His death probably followed the attacks on Pozieres in the area of Mouquet Farm (Mucky Farm) which was a German strongpoint halfway between Pozieres and Thiepval.

He was aged 28 according to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, but 32 is more likely to be correct.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the Villiers Bretonneux Memorial to the Missing at Foully in France.

Additional Information:

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