



Private Thomas Campton 11433



8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Died Tuesday 8th October 1918

Age 24

La Louviere Town Cemetery, Belgium.

Row C Grave 12

Burbage War Memorial

Thomas was the sixth child of ten children born to Thomas and Martha Campton.

The Family lived at Offenbach House at the top of the Horsepool on Church St.



Obenbach House, Church Street

Thomas was born on the 24th April 1895 in Burbage into one of the old established families of the village.

Thomas's father was a blacksmith who was also a Brass Musical Instrument Maker. He started his business by buying in crude instruments from Germany and refining them until later he had perfected the techniques of making his own.

Thomas started at the National School on the first of May 1899 and it is thought he stayed there until finishing his schooling at the age of about thirteen.

Ethel, his eldest sister was a shoe merchant and six of his siblings worked in the shoe Industry.

By the age of sixteen he became a clicker. A person who cuts out the leather for shoes, a highly skilled job.

There are few records for Thomas but he enlisted in Leicester and was posted to France with the 8th Battalion Leicester's.

Nothing else is known about his service.

It is listed on his soldiers' effects record that it is officially accepted he died on the 8th October 1918. He left a comparatively large amount of £53, 6 shillings, eleven pence.

| Record No. | Registry No. | Soldier's Name | Regiment, Rank, No. | Date and Place of Death | CREDITS | | | CHARGES | | | Date of Authority |
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| | | | | | Account and Date | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | |
| 887771 | 710224 | Campton Thomas | 8 th Bn. Leicesters Pte. 11433. | 8.10.18. Lichfield officially accepted 4.19 | 53 | 6 | 11 | | | | 16.4.19 |
| <p><i>Including War Gratuity £ 24. 10. -</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

Thomas Campton's effects

The La Louviere Town Cemetery where he is buried was used by the Germans during the war and not until December 1918 was it used by the British.

The eleven British dead buried by the enemy were later reburied in the British plot. Thomas may have been one of these.

On the 4th October, four days before Thomas died, the Germans had asked the British and allies for an armistice. No response was forthcoming and on the 8th October the Germans pleaded with Americans to persuade the British to accept unfortunately too late for Thomas and seven other Burbage Fallen.



La Louviere Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedules
(To be filled up by the Enumerator)
12

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| NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been communicated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Example on back of Schedule.) | RELATIONSHIP to Family. | AGE (Last day) and SEX. | | PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE. | | | | | PERSONAL OCCUPATION. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, handicraft, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufactory, the article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.) | PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards. Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the name of the employer, or the name of the business in which the worker is employed. If this is not possible, the nature of the work should be stated. No entry need be made for persons in service employment, or for persons in the service of Government, or Municipal, or other authorities, or for persons waiting for a trade. | Whether Working at Home. | BIRTHPLACE of every Person born in a Foreign Country. State whether— (1) British subject by birth, (2) Naturalized British subject, or (3) "Locally born" subject, or (4) "Foreign born" subject. (5) If of foreign nationality, state whether British subject by birth, or (6) "Foreign born" subject, or (7) "Visitor" in this Country. | INTERVIEW. | |
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| | | Male. | Female. | Spouse. | Widow. | Divorced. | Single. | Married. | | | | | | |
| 1. Thomas. Camberton | Head | 55 | | | | | | | 19.9 | carver | | 14. | 14. | 14. |
| 2. Elizabeth. Camberton | Wife | | 51 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 3. Ethel. Camberton | Daughter | | 28 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 4. Henry. Camberton | Son | | 25 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 5. Joseph. Camberton | Daughter | | 23 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 6. Ethel. Camberton | Daughter | | 21 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 7. Percy. Camberton | Daughter | | 18 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 8. Thomas. Camberton | Son | | 16 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 9. Elizabeth. Camberton | Son | | 13 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 10. Thomas. Camberton | Son | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 11. Ellen. Camberton | Daughter | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
| 12. David. Bound | Boarder | | 19 | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |
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| 15. | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14. | 14. |

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Thomas. Camberton*
Postal Address: *Burley, Sta. Hindley*

Total: Males 6, Females 6, Persons 12