

Kipling deaths in WWI – 1916

KIPLING, THOMAS WILLIAM

Rank:

Private

Service No:

18161

Date of Death:

13/04/1916

Age:

29

Regiment/Service:

Border Regiment

1st Bn.

Grave Reference

V. A. 16A.

Cemetery

ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY

Additional Information:

Son of Joseph and Sarah Kipling, of Stockber Farm, Soulby, nr. Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. Native of Great Ashby, Westmorland

Location Information

Etaples is a town about 27 kilometres south of Boulogne. The Military Cemetery is to the north of the town, on the west side of the road to Boulogne.

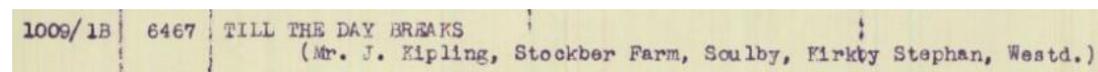
Historical Information

During the First World War, the area around Etaples was the scene of immense concentrations of Commonwealth reinforcement camps and hospitals. It was remote from attack, except from aircraft, and accessible by railway from both the northern or the southern battlefields. In 1917, 100,000 troops were camped among the sand dunes and the hospitals, which included eleven general, one stationary, four Red Cross hospitals and a convalescent depot, could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick. In September 1919, ten months after the Armistice, three hospitals and the Q.M.A.A.C. convalescent depot remained.

The cemetery contains 10,771 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, the earliest dating from May 1915. 35 of these burials are unidentified.

The cemetery, the largest Commission cemetery in France, was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens

His grave is inscribed thus:



1009/1B 6467 TILL THE DAY BREAKS
(Mr. J. Kipling, Stockber Farm, Soulby, Kirkby Stephen, Westd.)

SERVICE

(... or the duration of War).

TESTIFICATION OF

No. 18161 Name James Kipling Corps 18th Genl. Hos.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? ...
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
3. Are you a British Subject? ...
4. What is your age? ...
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ...
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years? ...

Father of the Soldier ...	Joseph Kipling	Stockber Soulby
Mother of the Soldier ...	Sarah Kipling	Stockber Soulby Kirby
Brothers of the Soldier	Full Blood ...	John R. Kipling 28 James H. Kipling 26 Joseph F. Kipling 16 Christopher Kipling 14 Ernest Kipling 11 none
	Half blood ...	do do do do do
	Full blood ...	E.A. Dent 30 L.J. Kipling 22 M.M. Kipling 19 D.M. Kipling 18
	Half blood ...	do do do do do
	Sisters of the Soldier	White House of Ashby Stockber Keighley do

Report	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
15/6/15	Comd. 18th Genl. Hos.	1st Posted Private	Dardanelles	10/6/15	B.O. NO. 5. 4/15/6/15.
30/8/15	M.O.I/c	Wounded in Action G.S.W.LEG	Dardanelles	29/8/15	A.36.H.M.H.S. Assaye dated 30/8/15
7/3/16	O.C.	Rejoined Battalion	Suez	6/3/16	B.O. NO. 3. dated 7/3/16.
9-4-16 8-4-16 13-4-16	O.C. M.O. M.O.	Wounded in action 18th Genl. Hos. (Pract. Home) DIED OF WOUNDS	France 18 Genl. Hos.	6-4-16 8-4-16 13-4-16	B.213 ED 8430 A.P. 42137 AF ul 3034 13/16

Major
for officer i/c Infantry section
G.P. Qrs 3rd Echelon B.R.F.

18161 Died of Jaundice
18th General
Hospital. Cambray
Nire from ofc
Hospital dt. 13.4.16

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Effects—Form 118A

MEMORANDUM

The Officer in charge of Infantry Res. 1st
Preston

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:
The Secretary,
War Office,
Park Buildings,
St. James's Park,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,
PARK BUILDINGS,
ST. JAMES'S PARK,
LONDON, S.W.,

12th June 1916.

E. 119173911 (Accounts 4.)

Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late
NO. 18161 Private Thomas William Kipling 1st Battalion
should be despatched to:— Border Regiment
Mrs Sarah Kipling,
Clockeld,
Great Asby,
Appleby, Westmorland

1st Battalion

August 1914 : in Maymyo, Burma. Returned to England, landing at Avonmouth 10 January 1915. Moved to Rugby.

January 1915 : came under orders of 87th Brigade in 29th Division.

Sailed from Avonmouth on 17 March 1915 for Gallipoli, going via Egypt and Mudros. Landed at Cape Helles 25 April 1915.

January 1916 : evacuated via Mudros to Egypt. Moved to France in March 1916.

August 1915 - Suvla

By this time it was the end of August. The Battalion was going to be spending much of its efforts in duties relating to preparations for the months ahead. After having been relieved by the 5th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the men continued with dugout improvements and moved up to relieve the 2nd Hants Regiment, in addition to supporting the K.O.S.B. and the S.W.B. who were at this time in the firing line. On the 27th a working party of 200 men were sent to help unload stores at A Beach and on the 30th, a total of four officers and 200 men were sent to the K.O.S.B. and S.W.B. communication trenches to aid them in their work from 8pm till midnight. The Battalion saw the last day of the month making necessary improvements to their existing accommodation in addition to working on plans for making two nullahs habitable for the winter occupancy.

April 1916 France

With their leave to England officially over the Battalion spent much of their time moving from town to town, moving up front to the firing line and then being relieved back to billets and further training. The continual movements took them across much of the northern parts of the *Somme Département* [5], into the *Pas de Calais Département* and back again. On the 2nd of April the Battalion marched from Amplier to Achueux, where they billeted in the woods there for the evening before moving swiftly on to Englebelmer, arriving there at 7.25pm the following day. Throughout the month the Battalion were involved in front line action along with working around communication problems where telephone lines were interrupted and then later restored; bombardments and machine gun fire that rung through air at sporadic intervals; repairing damage done to the trenches and attending lectures of gas, which was the new weapon at the time, and the use of helmets for protection.

Instruction on bayonet fighting was also given as was a demonstration in *Flammenwerfer* [6] and the effects of *Lachrymatory Shells* [7]. On returning to Achueux, much of the same fighting continued.

Extract from regimental diary on 6/4/16.

2055 Heavy Bombardment opened by enemy on communication trenches in our sector
Enemy machine guns also show activity

KIPLING, GEORGE

Rank:

Private

Service No:

14317

Date of Death:

01/07/1916

Age:

20

Regiment/Service:

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

9th Bn.

Panel Reference

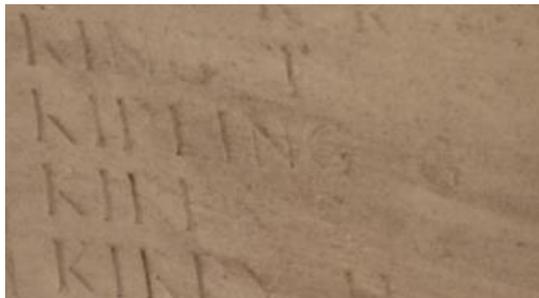
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Memorial

THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

Additional Information:

Son of Mrs. Lily Kipling, of 4 Court, 2 House, Carr Lane, Sheffield



The 9th (Service) Battalion of the KOYLI was in the 64th Brigade of the 21st Division. They were in the front line on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, when George was killed.

21st Division's General Plan

On 1st July 1916 the Battle of the Somme was opened. The Allied line ran from north to south until just crossing the Albert to Bapaume Road at La Boisselle. Here at the small village of Fricourt the line turned east running under the village and on towards Mametz.

It would be the responsibility of the 7th Division on the right to capture Mametz. On the left the 34th Division would assault La Boisselle.

The plan was similar and co-ordinated with that at Mametz. A direct assault would not be launched on the village of Fricourt, which was known to have been fortified. An initial attack would sweep around the village, cutting the defenders off. This would be mounted at *Zero*: 0730 hours.

Once Fricourt and Mametz had been surrounded a second combined assault would then be mounted at about 1430 hours to penetrate the two villages.

From the Albert-Bapaume Road running south, the Brigades in 21st Division were the 64th, 63rd and 50th Brigade attached from 17th (Northern) Division. 62nd Brigade were in reserve.

64th Brigade

The northern Brigade in the Division consisted of the 9th and 10th Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI) in the front line, with the 15th Bn Durham Light Infantry (DLI) and 1st Bn East Yorkshire Regiment in reserve.

Prior to Zero Hour (0730) the men from the KOYLI battalions crawled out into no man's land in readiness for their assault. In front of them the German wire had been well cut by the week long artillery bombardment and both battalions made swift progress through the German's front line trenches.

Within 30 minutes they had secured an area around the north of Fricourt village as far as the road to Contalmaison. Here they were held by machine gun fire coming from their front and flanks, and dug in.

To their left the 34th Division's attempt at taking La Boisselle had been repulsed with enormous loss to its Tyneside Brigades. As the 34th Division attempted to remedy the situation the KOYLI found themselves in the unenviable situation of maintaining a position surrounded on three sides

William Tufeling	Head	39		manic	17	8	5	2	London	647	5	7	York & Sheffield
Billy Tufeling	wife		57	manic	17	8	5	2	London				
George Tufeling	son	16	16						London				
George Tufeling	son	15	15						London				
Billy Tufeling	daughter		12						London				
Henry Tufeling	"		11						London				
John Tufeling	son	8	8						London				
Arthur Tufeling	daughter		6						London				
Samuel Tufeling	son	3	3						London				
William Henry Wild	lodger	20	20						London				

1911 4/2 Carr Lane, Sheffield.

Campaign :- **1914-15** (A) Where decoration was earned.
 (B) Present situation

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)		
				MEDAL	ROLL	PAG
(A) KIPLING	Yorkes <i>1st Lt.</i>	PTD	14314	VICTORY	<i>02/10/15</i>	<i>429</i>
(B)	George			BRITISH	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
				15 STAR	<i>0/2/215</i>	<i>344</i>

Action taken **K. in A.**

THEATRE OF WAR **(1) France**

QUALIFYING DATE **11. 9. 15**

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Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorised	Amount Authorised				
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<i>211034</i>	<i>Kipling</i> <i>George</i>	<i>9th Bn</i> <i>Notts</i> <i>14314</i>	<i>1.7.16</i> <i>France</i>	<i>York</i> <i>8/16</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>17.0 9/16</i>	<i>29-9-16</i> <i>for 4 sets leg Lily</i> <i>10-9-16</i> <i>for 2 sets leg Lily</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>8 = =</i>
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WAR GRATUITY.
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Serial no. 6441.

Ad 5040 sent 24/2

Register of soldiers' effects.
 George was from the Notts Kipling family group.

KIPLING, Lionel Thompson

Rank:

Serjeant

Service No:

6642

Date of Death:

05/07/1916

Regiment/Service:

East Lancashire Regiment

7th Bn.

Grave Reference

VI. E. 30.

Cemetery

TINCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY

Location Information

Tincourt is a village about 7 kilometres east of Peronne and Tincourt New British Cemetery is on the west side of the village, just off the D199.

Historical Information

The villages of Tincourt and Boucly were occupied by British troops in March 1917, during the German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line. From the following May until March 1918, Tincourt became a centre for Casualty Clearing Stations. On the 23rd March 1918, the villages were evacuated and they were recovered, in a ruined condition, about the 6th September. From that month to December 1918, Casualty Clearing Stations were again posted to Tincourt.

The cemetery was begun in June 1917, and used until September 1919; the few German burials, during their occupation of the village, are in Plot VI, Row A. After the Armistice it was used for the reburial of soldiers found on the battlefield, or buried in small French or German cemeteries.

There are now nearly 2,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 250 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to seven soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Australia, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 21 soldiers from the United Kingdom, two from Canada, one from Australia and one from South Africa, buried in other cemeteries, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. There are 151 German burials here, 7 being unidentified.

The cemetery covers an area of 6,149 square metres.

La Boisselle This village, on the Albert-Bapaume road astride the main thrust of the British offensive, was eventually cleared on 4th July by the 'New Army' 19th Division after severe close-quarter fighting with bomb, bayonet and Lewis gun. The 7th Battalions of the East Lancashires, South Lancashires and Loyal North Lancashires, all in the same brigade of that division, took part in the fight around La Boisselle.

30 See L. KIPLING

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
KIPLING	E. Lan. R.	Sjt	6642
Lionel T.			

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	H/1/102 B4	938	
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30 See Lionel T. KIPLING.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
KIPLING. L.	V. E. Lane. R.	Sjt	6642

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY			
BRITISH			
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Date of entry therein	18.7.15.		

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310652 Kipling
Lionel
Thompson.

7th Batt East Lancs. France	5-7-16	Breston	3 - 11	8 - 11	14/0-10/16	18-10-16	Wid. Annie M.	3 - 11	self relation
Reg. Sjt. 6642.							23.9.1933	Wid. + Solely Annie M.	11 10 0. P.D.

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 17/10/1917
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 Serial No. 520 10209.

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 DATE 14.9.19

Lionel Kipling	Head	Mar	65	Retired Domestic Servant	Dr., Barnard Castle
Margaret Do	Wife	Mar	66		Do, Thirsk
Lionel Do	Grandson	"	9	Scholar	Wid. Mrs., London

1861 Barnard Castle

Lionel Thompson Kipling	Head of H	29	Surdaper			X	Thompson (Bentley) Cook
Francis Amy	Wife	26	Dressmaker			X	John Holborn
Anna Angeline	Daughter	14	Embroidress			X	John Holborn
Lionel Thompson	Son	20	Submarine Engineer			X	John Holborn

1891 Newington, London

1907. Marriage solemnized at S. Paul's Church in the Parish
of St Mary Newington in the County of London

Column No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
299	Second	Lionel Thompson Kipling	31	bachelor	Painter	6 Sturgen Road	Lionel Thompson Kipling	Auctioneer
	Since 1907	Annie Matilda Taitler	24	widow		6 Sturgen Road	Nathaniel Birch	Carpenter

Married in the Church of S. Paul according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Joseph Birch or after Canons by me John Smith

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Lionel Thompson Kipling and Annie Matilda Taitler in the presence of us, Joseph Birch and Edith Anne Brunton

Lionel Kipling	Head	34	Married	2	1	1	Potnam 946	Publician	Worker	London
Annie Kipling	Wife	28					ditto			London
Annie Kipling	Daughter	18								Battersea
Charlotte Birch	Wife's partner	61	Widow				Charwoman 220	Private	Worker	London

1911 Ingrave Street, Battersea

Lionel was the great-grandson of Lionel Kipling, the Raby Castle porter, and so of the **Staindrop** Kipling family group (see "Staindrop 1911")

KIPLING, ARTHUR

Rank: Private

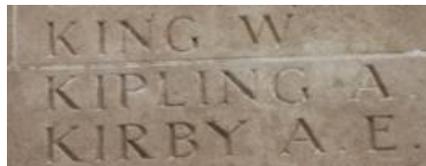
Service No: 3082

Date of Death: 17/08/1916

Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
43rd Coy.

Panel Reference: Pier and Face 5 C and 12 C.

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL



Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regl. No.
KIPLING	M. G. C. Notts & Derby R	Private	3082 15526
Arthur			
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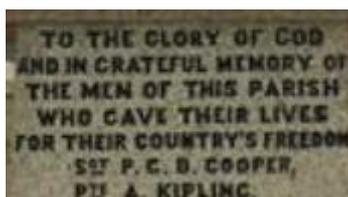
Name:	Arthur Kipling
Birth Place:	Harworth, Notts
Residence:	Serlby, Notts
Death Date:	17 Aug 1916
Death Location:	France & Flanders
Enlistment Location:	Retford
Rank:	Private
Regiment:	Machine Gun Corps
Battalion:	(Infantry)
Number:	3082
Type of Casualty:	Killed in action

43rd MG Company Joined [14th Division](#), 16 February 1916, at Houtkerque.

On 13th August 1916, the 14th Division moved into the front line at Delville Wood, where there had been fierce fighting since mid-July. It seems likely that, four days later, that is where Arthur was killed.

Quite how he transferred from the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment (Sherwood Foresters) Pioneer battalion to the 43rd MGC is unclear.

He is commemorated on the war memorials in Harworth and Serlby (images and newspaper report from Notts County Council Roll of Honour).



Mr Francis Kipling, Home Farm, Serlby, has received official notification of the death of his oldest son, Private Arthur Kipling (22) who was killed instantaneously by shell fire on August 17th. He joined the Army as soon as the war broke out and was attached to a machine gun section. At the outbreak of war, Kipling, who was a grandson of Mr and Mrs Joseph Kipling, Everton, held an excellent position on Viscount Galway's Serlby estate. Mr Kipling, sen, has received a letter from the officer commanding the Company in which the

deceased soldier served, who testifies that “He was a splendid fellow” and “a very efficient soldier”. The writer goes on to say: “In the trenches he was always very cool and I had not a man upon whom I could place greater reliance. Latterly we were short of NCO’s and I had not the slightest hesitation of putting your son in charge of his team. On the morning of the day he was killed he did excellent work. Sitting coolly at his gun, he accounted for a large number of the enemy who were endeavouring to escape from an attack in another part of the line nearby. He was killed by shellfire, dying instantaneously. In him you have lost a brave son and in my Company one of its best men.

The Retford Times 6/10/1916

Arthur was of the **Notts** Kipling family group.

Edward Kipling	Servant	Age	Temple						Herdsman on Farm
Notts Harworth									George W. Smithson Beyton

Francis Kipling	Head	No.	31		✓	Herdsman on Farm	Worker		Easton, Notts
Ann E. Kipling	Wife	No.		25	✓				Harworth, Notts
Arthur Kipling	Son	No.	6		✓				Harworth, Notts
Edward Kipling	Son	No.	4		✓	As			Harworth, Notts

1901 Styrrup with Oldcotes, Notts

Francis Kipling	Head	No.	31	Married					Farm Bailiff	56	Worker	Easton, Notts
Ann Elizabeth Kipling	Wife	No.	38	Married	18	4	4	0				Harworth
Edward Kipling	Son	No.	14								Worker	Styrrup
Walter Kipling	Son	No.	7									Styrrup
Frances Kipling	Daughter	No.	14									Styrrup

1911 Serlby, Bawtry, Notts.

Appendix

Official news has been received by Mrs Kipling, of 51, James Armitage Street, Southwick-on-Wear, that her husband, Private J. T. Kipling, D.L.I., is in hospital suffering from wounds.

Newcastle Journal - Tuesday 10 October 1916