

THOMAS LATHAM

WORLD WAR ONE SOLDIER

NORTHOP HALL WAR MEMORIAL



ALL ABOUT THOMAS



NAME: THOMAS LATHAM

REGIMENT: ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS

DATE OF DEATH: 12 MAY 1917

NAME OF MEMORIAL: NORTHOP HALL

SERVICE RANK NUMBER: LANCE CORPORAL 23399

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH: KILLED AT YPRES





FAMILY



HIS MOTHER WAS SARAH LATHAM.

HIS FATHER WAS JOSEPH LATHAM.

HE HAD TWO BROTHERS NAMED JAMES AND JOHN,

AND A SISTER CALLED MARGARET.

HOME AND VILLAGE



**THOMAS LIVED ON WEPRE LANE IN
CONNOR'S QUAY THEN MOVED TO A COTTAGE
IN NORTHOP HALL
UNTIL HE WENT TO WAR.**

WHERE HE DIED AND WAS BURIED



HE DIED ON THE 12 MAY 1917

DURING THE THIRD BATTLE OF YPRES WHICH TOOK PLACE
BETWEEN JULY 31 AND
NOVEMBER 10 1917.

IT WAS IN WEST FLANDERS.

THEN HE WAS BURIED IN BELGIUM AND HIS NAME WAS ADDED TO
HIS FAMILY'S GRAVE IN NORTHOP.

AGE AT DEATH



**THOMAS DIED AGED 22. HIS MUM DIED AT 64
PLUS HIS DAD ALSO DIED AT 64.
HIS MUM DIED A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THOMAS DID.**

**HE IS BURIED IN THE WAR CEMETERY IN THE SMALL TOWN OF
VLAMERTINGHE NEAR YPRES.**

BATTLE OF YPRES

THE FIRST BATTLE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 24 1914.

THE SECOND BATTLE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN APRIL 22 - MAY 25 1915.
THE THIRD BATTLE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN JULY 31 - NOVEMBER 10 1917.



... clerk. Mr. W. Conway was re-elected
as auditor.

NORTHOP HALL VILLAGE.

DEATH IN ACTION.—The news has been received of the death in action of Lance-Corporal Thomas Latham, youngest son of Joseph and Sarah Latham, of whom two other sons are on active service. The news came as a shock to his mother, who has for several years been crippled with rheumatism. Lance-Corporal Latham was a bright and promising young man, with a rare good temperament. He always had a cheerful word and a smile for anyone whom he came in contact with. He enlisted February 22nd, 1915, in the Pals camped at Llandudno, and was drafted out to France on the 8th November, the same year, serving a year and nine months in France. He was killed May 12th, 1917, at the age of 22 years. He always attended the Sunday School of the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel at Northop Hall Village. That he proved a good soldier will be gathered from the following letter received from his officer:—"B.E.F., France, 27th May, 1917.—Dear Mrs. Latham,—It is with very deep regret that I write to offer you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your son, Lance-Corporal Latham, who was killed on the 12th of this month. It may be of some little consolation to you to know how much he was esteemed by us all for his intelligence, bravery and devotion to duty at all times. He was killed by a shell with four others, and was buried in a little cemetery behind the line. By his great sacrifice he has set a noble example to all, and will be remembered by us all as a very gallant soldier.—Yours very sincerely, C. Dolbey Jones, Second-Lieutenant."

CAERGWIRLE.

HOME AGAIN.—The venerable

REPORT OF HIS DEATH

THIS NEWS REPORT TOLD OF HIS EARLY LIFE IN NORTHOP HALL.

IT ALSO INCLUDED DETAILS OF A LETTER SAYING HE WAS KILLED BY A SHELL WITH FOUR OTHERS. HIS COMMANDING OFFICER SAID HOW BRAVE HE WAS AND THAT HE WAS A GALLANT SOLDIER.



THOMAS'S MEDALS.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT THE VICTORY MEDAL (FRONT & BACK) THE BRITISH WAR MEDAL (FRONT AND BACK) AND THE 1914 -15 STAR. THIS SET OF THREE WERE REFERRED TO AS 'PIP, SQUEAK AND WILFRED'



FOLLOWING HIS DEATH HIS FAMILY WERE SENT
THIS COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, KNOWN AS THE
'DEATH PENNY'.



THANK YOU FOR WATCHING

THIS POWERPOINT AND REMEMBERING THOMAS LATHAM

BY GRACE , FIN AND DYLAN OF

NORTHOP HALL CP SCHOOL