

Thomas Vernon Boyes
Remembered with Honour
Harponville Communal Cemetery Extension

In Memory of
Private

260493, 7th Bn., Border Regiment who died on 30 July 1918 Age 21
Son of Thomas and Ada Boyes, of 20, Market St., Ashton-under-Lyne.

[UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919](#) about Thomas Vernon Boyes

Name:	Thomas Vernon Boyes
Birth Place:	Ashton-under-lyne, Lancs
Residence:	Ashton-under-lyne
Death Date:	30 Jul 1918
Death Location:	France & Flanders
Enlistment Location:	Manchester
Rank:	Private
Regiment:	Border Regiment
Battalion:	7th Battalion
Number:	260493
Type of Casualty:	Killed in action
Theatre of War:	Western European Theatre
Comments:	Formerly 4158, D.L.O. Yeo. Country: France Locality: Somme Identified Casualties: 137 Location Information Harponville is 3 kilometres along the D47 north of Contay towards Varennes. The cemetery will be found at the end of the main street, turning right at the church for 200 metres. The Communal Cemetery Extension is north of the Communal Cemetery. Historical Information The Commonwealth graves at Harponville were made by fighting units during the German advance on the Somme in 1918. The 34 burials in the CEMETERY date from April, May and early June 1918. 19 of the burials are of men of the Welch Regiment. The EXTENSION contains 138 First World War burials, dating from June, July and August 1918. The extension was designed by N A Rew.

Background

In 1911 His parents Thomas and Ada Boyes had a cabinet makers and upholsters at 21 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Vernon had an older sister called Emily.

In 1891 his father is living with his widowed grandfather William at 86 Albermarle Street. William is also a Master Cabinet Maker.

From his Obit in the Reporter

An Ashton Tradesman's son Killed

Mr and Mrs T Boyes of Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne have received official confirmation of the death of their only son. Private Thomas Vernon Boyes was killed in Action 30 the July 1918. He was 21 years of age. He was an Albion and Ashton Secondary Schoolboy prior to enlisting at the age of 17 years.

He was employed at the Fallowfield branch of the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank Company.

He first joined the Duke of Lancaster's Yeomanry before transferring the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry. After many narrow escapes he was wounded in the leg. He had been gassed and buried by a fall of the trench.

He had offered to give blood to a comrade, but couldn't in view of the fact that he had been gassed and because of his poor health condition.