



Great War in the Villages Project

THOMAS EDWIN TAYLOR:

Died in France on 12th November 1918.

**Age 24, Private 10th (Service) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment,
57th Brigade, 19th (Western) Division**

Born in 1894 at Brailsford, Derbyshire, Thomas was the first child of Charles Taylor, a shoemaker from Brailsford, and Kate Alice Hiatt from Ettington. There were 12 children in the family altogether, the youngest being born during the war, when Thomas was already serving with his regiment. He had one brother, Harry, eligible for service and who we believe did serve in the war, though no service records for him are available.

Although brought up at Brailsford, Thomas was no stranger to Ettington. His maternal grandparents and his uncle Thomas Hiatt lived for many years at Tollgate Cottage and in 1911 Thomas was living there with his uncle, an estate carpenter, and his grandmother, then a widow. In fact the whole family moved to Ettington at about the time of the outbreak of the war and lived at Tollgate House for many years.

When war was declared Thomas was among the men who immediately volunteered for service by signing the church Roll of Honour. During the course of the war he sadly learned of two family bereavements, the first being the death of his uncle Thomas Hiatt late in 1916 at the age of 50, followed in early 1917 by that of his grandmother who was 77.

The cause of Thomas's own death on the day after the war ended is not known.

He was buried at the St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime in France.

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