

### Thomas Henry Smith

Thomas was born in 1892, he lived in one of Hankerton Farm Cottages, along with his father William who was a cowman on the farm, his mother Elizabeth and older brother Ernest. He also worked on the farm before the war.

He was a Private in the 10th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment and enlisted in Tetbury. His number was 21739. After fighting in France/Flanders, he died of his wounds back in England.

The first day on the Somme 1st July 1916 was the opening day of the Battle of Albert. The object of the attack was to capture the German First and Second positions from Serre, south to the Albert-Bapaume road. There were many attacks and counter attacks resulting in Meagre gains". Thomas must have been wounded in the battle and shipped back to England. Presumably he died in some military hospital and then brought back to Hankerton to be buried because the inscription on the grave reads " If only we could have clasped his hand and just have said good bye