

John Thomas GRIMES



Born: 5th June 1888 in Neatishead, Norfolk

Baptised: 5th August 1888 in Neatishead

Parents: Father: William (born c.1865 in Neatishead)

Mother: Ellen Colk (born c.1865)

married 1889 Neatishead

Siblings: Herbert (1887-1901)

William Henry (1890-1918) **killed in action**

Frederick Ambrose (1891-1979)

Albert Ernest (1893-1980) **served in WW1**

Walter Cedric (1895-1975) **served in WW1**

Alice Elizabeth (1897-1974)

Ernest Benjamin (January 1900 - died same day)

Ernest Benjamin (1901-1910)

Florence May (1903-1984)

Gertrude Hilda (1908-1985)

Marriage: 7th November 1915 to Flora Allard

Children: no known children

Death: 5th July 1917, aged 29

Burial: Remembered with honour at Feuchy British Cemetery

1901 census: Aged 12, living at Sows Loke, Neatishead
Father's occupation – Agricultural Labourer

Military & War service: 34677 Private J T Grimes, 2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment who died on 5th July 1917. Remembered with honour Feuchy British Cemetery. Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Enlisted 15th March 1916 in Norwich with Service Number 24419, Norfolk Regiment

Medals: Victory, British



Memorial in St Peter's Church, Neatishead

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AUGUST, 1917.

Again the toll of war has fallen upon our parish, through the death in action of Private **John Thomas Grimes**. The sad news reached the bereaved wife and parents on Tuesday, July 10th. This is the third death which has befallen this much tried family through the war, besides one other son being severely wounded. This raises the number of deaths from Neatishead to nine. Surely, the hand of war has been laid heavily upon us ! A Memorial Service was held in the Church on Monday evening, July 16th, at 7.30, with a short address by the Vicar, when a large congregation assembled to pay honour and respect to the fallen hero. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved wife and parents, with the prayer that the Holy Spirit may give them the comfort and consolation which they so much need. They desire to express their grateful thanks to all friends for the kind and sympathetic feeling shown to them, which was much appreciated.