

THOMAS JOHN WOODYATT

**Private
10795**

**5th Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry
died on
Friday 17th December 1915
aged 35**

THOMAS JOHN WOODYATT
is buried in
LIJSSENTHOEK MILIARY CEMETERY
Belgium

***Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register***

Husband of Eliza Ann Woodyatt, of Lion Cottage, Rushall, Much Marcle, Gloucester.

During the First World War, the village of Lijssenthoek was situated on the main communication line between the Allied military bases in the rear and the Ypres battlefields. Close to the Front, but out of the extreme range of most German field artillery, it became a natural place to establish casualty clearing stations. The cemetery contains 9,901 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 24 being unidentified.

Thomas Woodyatt is buried in Plot IV. Row A. Grave 19A.



**Ledbury Reporter
& Farmer's Gazette**

Saturday 8th January 1916

MUCH MARCLE'S SOLDIER'S DEATH

Private T Woodyatt, 5th King's Shropshire Light Infantry is officially reported to have died from wounds in France. He had his leg blown off by an explosion of a shell and died in hospital in France. A stretcher bearer in the 5th Battalion of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, Private Woodyatt was a native of Ledbury and for many years employed by Mr R Preece, plumber. He then went to Much Marcle where he was employed as a farm labourer. An ex member of the old Militia which was superseded by the Special Reserve. Private Woodyatt enlisted soon after the outbreak of war and joined his old regiment, going out with the 5th Battalion. He was home on short leave from the front only a few weeks ago. He leaves a widow who resides in Much Marcle.

**Ledbury Guardian
& Herefordshire Advertiser**

Saturday 15th January 1916

PRIVATE WOODYATT

Private Woodyatt, King's Shropshire Light Infantry died in December 16th from wounds received in France. He was a native of Ledbury and formerly in the employ of Mr Robert Preece. He leaves a widow who is residing in Much Marcle.

Name.	Corps.	Rank	Regtl. No.
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Thomas John Woodyatt was born in Ledbury in 1882. His mother Elizabeth was a lodging house keeper in Bye Street. Thomas worked as a labourer for Robert Preece a plumber in Ledbury and then moved to Much Marcle where he was employed as a farm labourer. He married Eliza Ann Evans in 1904 and at the time of the 1911 census they were living at The Row, Marcle Hill, Much Marcle. Thomas was a member of the Militia and at the outbreak of war enlisted in Hereford and joined the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He went with the 5th Battalion to France in May 1915. He was died of wounds in Belgium in December 1915.