

ST JAMES CHURCH TAUNTON
WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL PROJECT

Thomas Grinter



Thomas Grinter's grave,
Esquelbecq Military Cemetery,
France

Name: Thomas Grinter

Rank: Private

Service Number: 44765 (previously 34738, Hampshire Regiment)

Regiment: Durham Light Infantry

Battalion/Unit number: 20th Battalion

Date/year of Birth: 1882

Place of Birth: Taunton

Place of Residence: 16 Palmerston Road, Frieze Hill, Taunton

Date of Death: 8th September 1918

Place of Death: France, probably in the Nord Departement close to the Belgian border

Burial/Memorial: Esquelbecq Military Cemetery, France

Thomas Grinter was a carpenter and was married to Parnell and had one child. His parents were Henry and Catherine, and Henry died in 1895 when Thomas was about 13 years old.

Having initially signed up with the Hampshire Regiment, towards the end of the war Thomas was with the 20th Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry stationed on the Western Front. His Battalion was part of the 41st Division and involved in the heavy fighting at the end of the war known as the Hundred Days Offensive. It was during this offensive that he was killed, as part of the advance towards Flanders, just two months before the end of the war.