

In Memory of

Private

# Thomas Henry Richards

14731, 1st Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment who died on 11 January 1916 Age 26

Son of Thomas and Mary Hannah Richards, of 123, Elemore Lane, Easington Lane, Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham.

Remembered with Honour

**Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres**



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

### Great War Ancestor – Record of research

Surname	RICHARDS
Forenames	Thomas Henry
Home address	
Regiment	1 Bn East Yorkshire Regiment
Notes	

### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website

Rank	Private
Age at death	26
Date of death	11 January 1916
Service Number	14731
Cemetery/Memorial	Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery,
Grave/Memorial no	Armentières
Additional Information	

### Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19

Place of birth	Hetton-le-Hole
Place of enlistment	Houghton-le-Spring.
Death	France + Flanders K1A
Other regiments, etc.	

### Medal Index Cards (TNA WO 372/2)

14 Star	
14-15 Star	
British War Medal & Victory	
Other	

### Soldiers Documents, First World War, 'Burnt documents' (TNA WO 363/xxxx)

Type of Document	
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### War Diary (TNA WO 95/xxxx)

Notes	See attached
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### Local Newspaper

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### Biographical Information

Birth	
Baptism	
1901 Census (RG 13/xxxx)	
1911 Census (RG14/xxx)	
Electoral register, 1 January 1915	

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Notes

## UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919

Name:	<b>Thomas Henry Richards</b>
Birth Place:	Hetton-le-hole
Residence:	Hetton-le-hole
Death Date:	11 Jan 1916
Death Place:	France and Flanders
Enlistment Place:	Houghton-le-spring
Rank:	Private
Regiment:	East Yorkshire Regiment
Battalion:	1st Battalion
Regimental Number:	14731
Type of Casualty:	Killed in action
Theatre of War:	Western European Theatre
Other Records:	<b>Search for 'Thomas Henry Richards' in other WWI collections</b>

### Source Information:

Military-Genealogy.com, comp. *UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.  
Original data: *British and Irish Military Databases*. The Naval and Military Press Ltd.

### Description:

This database contains information extracted from 81 volumes of soldiers that died in World War I. It includes over 703,000 individuals. Information listed may include: name of soldier, birthplace, enlistment place, residence, number, decoration, rank, regiment, battalion, type of casualty, death date, death place, and theater of war served in.

## WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> EAST(Erase heading not required.) YORKSHIRE Reg<sup>t</sup> JANUARY 1916. Page 2.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOUPLINES	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dull cloudy, mild with westerly wind. An artillery action from 8 am to false alarm of gas came from the 13 <sup>th</sup> N.F. on our right. Casualties 2 killed. Sick Nil. An artillery bombardment FRELINGHEIM and the PONT BALLOT taken at 12 noon & left at 1.30 pm. Quiet afternoon, no retaliation. Capt Brown & Lt Willes left for transport duties to go on leave 7 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM. Stormy night but quiet.	<u>YIC</u>
do.	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dull mild. Quiet morning in the trenches. Casualties Nil. Sick & FA = 2. Rain in the afternoon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> TRIER party from Lewis Gun Course returned. Quiet afternoon. Draft of 150 other ranks arrived 8 pm & were put up for the night in the attack buildings at B <sup>n</sup> H <sup>n</sup> & Co. Quiet night.	<u>YIC</u>
do.	8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Fine & colder with fresh West wind. Co. inspected draft who then went up to the trenches by Company parties. Casualties & Sick Nil. Fighting throughout. 26 officers & other ranks. Details 2 officers 58 or. Quiet afternoon & evening.	<u>YIC</u>
do.	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Fine, rather cold. Quiet morning. Casualties & Sick Nil. Capt Saunders returned from leave. Quiet afternoon & evening.	<u>YIC</u>
do.	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Fine, mild. Maxim Gun team came to B <sup>n</sup> H <sup>n</sup> & Co. being relieved by the Lewis Gun team, with arrival & departure to join 6 <sup>th</sup> Div on 11 <sup>th</sup> . German artillery action from 10.15 am to 11.15 am shelling PONT BALLOT Farm & ARTILLERY House, also British outposts of HOUPHINES. Ammunition was shelled again at 2.30 pm & the bridge over the R. was received a direct hit, 3 men of the Guard of the 15 <sup>th</sup> DLI being wounded. 6 rounds of Heavy Howitzer burst all round the B <sup>n</sup> H <sup>n</sup> & Co. house also several light H.E. shells. Quiet night after.	<u>YIC</u>
ARMENTIERES	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Fine mild. B <sup>n</sup> was relieved in trenches by 9 <sup>th</sup> KOYLS and moved to billets in Armentieres. The Maxim Gun section & garden, 2 Lt Trollope 20 gunners & 2 servants left at 7 am by march to 21 Div H <sup>n</sup> & Co. whence they were to be conveyed by motor transport to join 6 <sup>th</sup> Div Machine Gun Company. 1 4-horse hunter of the 1 <sup>st</sup> with 2 drivers left by road to join 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. Casualties Killed 1 - 2 Sick to 7 <sup>th</sup> . Quiet afternoon. At 11.15 pm the 12 <sup>th</sup> North <sup>n</sup> was in our right & raided the enemy trenches opposite trench 80. They captured 2 prisoners of the 133 <sup>rd</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> & killed about 20 Germans. Suffered a few casualties from the post fire on return to their own trenches.	<u>YIC</u>
do.	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Fine, rather colder. B <sup>n</sup> furnished 290 men on working parties. Grenadier Platoon & Lewis Gun Machine Gun section at training 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Watkins had going instructions in Lewis Gun. Casualties 1 killed - Sick Nil. Quiet afternoon & night.	<u>YIC</u>

Campaign:—

1914-15

(A) Where decoration was earned.

(B) Present situation.

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)
(A) RICHARDS	60th Div	Major		VICTORY ROLL BRITISH 0/10/20/25 90
(B) Thomas	---	---	---	15 STAR 0/1/4/5 208

Action taken

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THEATRE OF WAR

*(1) France*

QUALIFYING DATE

*9.6.15*

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