



Sergeant George Dean



8th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment

Died 18 November 1916

Age 25

George Dean was attached to the 8th (Service) Battalion which had been formed at Bristol in September 1914 as part of the Second New Army (K2) and joined the 57th Brigade of the 19th Division. In March 1915 the battalion moved to Tidworth and on 18th July of that year it was mobilised for war and landed in France.

The record states that Sergeant Dean was killed in action on 18th November which was the final day of the Battle of the Ancre, the final large British attack of the Battle of the Somme in 1916, before winter.

Sergeant Dean is commemorated at the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme battlefields which bears the names of 73,357 officers and men. These men died in the Somme battle sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90 percent of those commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial died in the 1916 Battles of the Somme between July and November 1916. His name appears on the Memorial Pier and Face 5A and 5B. The Thiepval memorial was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and constructed in red brick and limestone between 1928 and 31 July 1932 when it was opened by the Prince of Wales. It was and remains the largest British war memorial in the world.

Sergeant Dean's war record does not list his age or next of kin, though the 1911 Census lists a George Dean, aged 19, living in Putney at 57 Sefton Street which would mean he was 25 when he died. George was the 3rd son of Martha and Thomas Dean and had 2 brothers, Thomas and Frederick who were respectively six and seven years older than him. In 1911, the census records 2 further children living at 57 Sefton Street, both were grandsons of Martha and Thomas. George's pre-war profession is listed as 'Carman'.

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