

ROBERT TUMMEY WASHINGTON

Lance Corporal
240705

2nd/8th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment
died on
Monday 27th August 1917
aged 31

ROBERT TUMMEY WASHINGTON
is buried in
TYNE COT CEMETERY
Belgium

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

Son of L. and R. Washington, of Malvern;
husband of Rose Winifred Washington, of 5, College Grounds, Great Malvern, Worcs.

'Tyne Cot' or 'Tyne Cottage' was the name given by the Northumberland Fusiliers to a barn which stood near the level crossing on the Passchendaele-Broodseinde road. The barn, which had become the centre of five or six German blockhouses, or pill-boxes, was captured by the 3rd Australian Division on 4 October 1917, in the advance on Passchendaele. One of these pill-boxes was unusually large and was used as an advanced dressing station after its capture. Tyne Cot Cemetery was greatly enlarged after the Armistice when remains were brought in from the battlefields of Passchendaele and Langemarck, and from a few small burial grounds. It is now the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world in terms of burials. At the suggestion of King George V, who visited the cemetery in 1922, the Cross of Sacrifice was placed on the original large pill-box. There are three other pill-boxes in the cemetery. There are now 11,956 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Tyne Cot Cemetery. The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen who died in the Ypres Salient after 16 August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Robert Tummey Washington is buried in Plot III. Row B. Grave 3.



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Robert Washington was born in Malvern in 1886. He was one of the four children of Richard and Louisa Washington. Richard was a blacksmith and Louisa was a laundress. By 1901 the family was living in 3 Daisy Cottages Jubilee Drive Colwall. In 1911 Robert was boarding in Beauchamp House, Church Street, Malvern and he was working as a draper's porter. He enlisted in Malvern in the 8th Worcesters, a territorial unit, in the first months of the war. He married Rosa Winifred Sheakell, who was a housemaid at the College, in spring 1917. Robert served with the second line of the 8th battalion, Worcestershire Regiment and was killed in the heavy fighting on the Steenbeek at the beginning of the Passchendaele Offensive 1917. Robert Washington is buried at Tyne Cot and also commemorated on the Malvern Library War Memorial.