

# THOMAS JOHN GARDENER

**Private  
40570**

**77th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps  
died on  
Monday 6th August 1917  
aged 27**

THOMAS JOHN GARDENER  
is buried in  
RENINGHELST NEW MILITARY CEMETERY  
Belgium

*. Additional information in the  
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*  
Son of John and Fanny Gardener, of The Bridge, Colwall, Malvern.

The village of Reninghelst was occupied by Commonwealth forces from the late autumn of 1914 to the end of the war and was sufficiently far from the front line to provide a suitable station for field ambulances. The earliest burials took place in the Churchyard, but in November 1915, the New Military Cemetery was opened. It remained in use until September 1918. There are now 798 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery

Thomas Gardener is buried in Plot III. Row C. Grave 19.



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Saturday 25th August 1917

**War Items**

**COLWALL**

Private T J Gardener, Royal Army Medical Corps was killed in action on Bank Holiday Monday. His home was in Colwall.

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
GARDENER		Ramc	Plt	40540
Thomas. J.				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	Ramc/101 B102	4853		
BARRIEN	" "	"		
15 Star	RAMC/313	233		
Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry therein				

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Thomas John Gardener was born in Colwall and baptised there on October 27th 1889. His parents John and Fanny had eight children. In 1911 the family were living at Chances Pitch; John was a quarryman in a stone quarry and Thomas John was a bricklayer's labourer. He enlisted in Hereford in and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was killed in action on the Salient in August 1917 and is buried in Reninghelst.