

Rifleman Thomas Redfern[©]

Regimental number: C/6583

18th (Service) Battalion (Arts & Crafts), King's Royal Rifle Corps

born: 25 July 1876 – died: 11 June 1916

A father of six children, Thomas Redfern was 40 years old when he was killed on the Western Front. He was one of 704,803 soldiers from the British Isles who died in or because of the First World War.¹

Thomas (aka Tom) Redfern was born on 25 July 1876 in Whitfield, the District of Glossop, Derbyshire.² He was the only surviving child of William Redfern (1853–1881)³ and Sarah Ann Mellers (1855–1931),⁴ who married on 11 February 1874 at St. Stephen's Church, Audenshaw, Lancashire.⁵

William, the son of Mary and Isaac Redfern (a cotton carder)⁶ was born in Hayfield, Derbyshire. Sarah Ann, the daughter of Charlotte and Thomas Mellers (a stone mason)⁷ was born in Worksop, Nottinghamshire. When the couple's first child, George (1874–1875)⁸ was born, the family was living on Victoria Street, Whitfield. Given that the area was noted for its textile mills, it was not surprising that William was working as a weaver. When Tom was born, the family was still living on Victoria Street, but his father William was working as a waiter at a wine and spirits vault.⁹

William died on 9 March 1881. He was the innkeeper of the King's Head Hotel, Chancery Lane, Ardwick. Present at William's death was his uncle, Joseph Handford.¹⁰ On 3 April, Tom and his mother Sarah Ann were still living at the King's Head Hotel, where Sarah Ann was the manager. William's cousin, James Handford (1855–1909),¹¹ a grocer's assistant, was a guest there.¹² Sarah Ann and James Handford married on 24 October 1881 at St. Thomas Church, Ardwick.¹³ The couple had eight children, of which seven survived to adulthood:¹⁴ Joseph Norman (1882–1921),¹⁵ Gertrude (1883–?),¹⁶ Gregory (1884–1885),¹⁷ Harry (1886–1922),¹⁸ John (1888–1922),¹⁹ James (1890–?),²⁰ Ernest (1892–?),²¹ and Adelaide (1895–?).²² Tom was a member of this family. In 1891, he was attending school and living with his mother, stepfather, and five of his half-siblings at No. 1 Fishers Lane, Phoside, a hamlet of Hayfield, Derbyshire.²³

On 30 September 1899, Thomas Redfern and Edith Jess (1879–1935)²⁴ were married by Reverend Samuel Evans at St. James Church in the parish of Taxal, on the Cheshire/Derbyshire border.²⁵ Edith, the daughter of Sarah Martin and James Jess, a stone mason, had been born in Plymouth, Devon.²⁶ At the time of her marriage, she was living in Whaley, Derbyshire. In 1901, Thomas and Edith were living in four rooms at 6 Ridge Top Lane, Hayfield, Derbyshire with their two daughters, Harriet (1900–?)²⁷ and Olive (1901–1901).²⁸ Tom was working as a print warehouseman.²⁹ During the next ten years, 6 more children were born: Amy (1902–1902),³⁰ William (1903–?)³¹, Gertrude (1905–?)³², Esther (1906–1907)³³, Lily (1908–1909)³⁴, and Marjorie (1911–?).³⁵ In 1911, the family was still living at 6 Ridge Top Lane, Hayfield; but Tom was working as a quarry labourer.³⁶ His and Edith's son, James, was born 18 April 1914.³⁷ Their last child, Mary, was born on 27 April 1916.³⁸

When war was declared on 4 August 1914, Tom was 38 years old and still working as a quarry labourer. Like many others at the time he was probably caught up in the patriotic fervour that swept the country; perhaps he may have even viewed enlistment in the military as an opportunity to provide a better life economically for his family.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps was formed on 25 December 1755 and was known as the 60th Royal American Regiment. The name was changed to King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1830. During the First World War, the regiment raised 22 battalions, which saw action on the Western Front, Macedonia and Italy; 12,840 soldiers from this regiment died in the conflict.³⁹

Tom enlisted in the 18th (Service) Battalion (Arts & Crafts), King's Royal Rifle Corps, on 27 July 1915 at Gidea Park, London and was considered fit for service although he needed some dental work.⁴⁰ This battalion had been raised at Gidea Park on 4 June 1915 by Major Sir Herbert Raphael, who was a Member of Parliament and a magistrate for Derbyshire. Tom travelled 334 km to London to join this new battalion and then spent nine months training with his fellow soldiers.

In October, after the initial training, Tom moved with the battalion to a camp located at Witley, Surrey, where the battalion joined the 122nd Brigade of the 41st Division. In November, he moved with the battalion to Aldershot, returning to Witley in February 1916 and then moving back to Aldershot for final training.⁴¹ Perhaps Tom had time to visit his family and new daughter before he and the 29 officers and 984 soldiers of other ranks, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel G.A.G. Soltau-Simmonds left Aldershot on 2 May 1916 to travel to Southampton. From there, the battalion sailed to Le Havre, France, to join the British Expeditionary Force. Arriving at 2:30 a.m. on 3 May, Tom and his fellow soldiers faced a hard 8-km march to the rest camp at the top of a hill. The vehicles and horses travelled on another ship arriving later that day.⁴²

On 4 May at 11:00 a.m. Tom with the battalion left Le Havre by train. Stopping at Abbeville, France, at 10:00 p.m., he and his fellow soldiers attempted to obtain hot water for tea from a food train stationed there. However, another train separated their train from the food train. Some of the men decided to take a short-cut to it by crawling under that train. They were nearly killed when the train started to move. At noon on 5 May, the battalion arrived at the detraining station in Belgium. From there the men marched 13 km with full packs on a hot sultry day to billets at Moulenacker, Only 14 men fell out. On 9 May, the battalion moved again to billets in Steentje, where they remained until 27 May undergoing training exercises. On one such exercise, the men without gas masks were sent through a trench filled with tear gas. On 27 May, the battalion moved to trenches north of Ploegsteert Wood, which was located in the Ypres Salient area near the village of Ploegsteert, Belgium. Tom, along with Lieutenant Clark and nine other men from the battalion, was assigned to the Trench Mortar Battery.

On a showery Saturday 10 June 1916, the Trench Mortar Battery unit was heavily shelled during the afternoon. The section of the trench in which Rifleman Thomas Redfern and seven of his fellow KRRC soldiers were located received a direct hit, collapsed and buried them. Lieutenant Clark, Rifleman H. Rumsey (C6687) and Rifleman D. Marshall (R1419) dug them out. Two men were unharmed; two others were dead and four wounded. Tom, with injuries to his left and right legs, thigh and foot, was taken to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Bailleul, France, about 14 km away. He was one of 115 injured men admitted on 10 June⁴³ and was one of two men who died on a rainy Sunday 11 June.⁴⁴

His wife Edith was notified of his death. She received his personal belongings from the Front: a bible, a periscope, three letters, a jackknife, a metal box, a tin filled with tobacco, paper cuttings, an eyeglass case, a razor and a belt. On 30 October 1916, she received Tom's savings of £2 5s 6p. Later, on 22 October 1919, she received a War Gratuity of £3.⁴⁵

Rifleman Thomas Redfern was buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, Grave/Memorial Reference II. B. 172.⁴⁶ Bailleul is in France, close to the Belgian border. It was

occupied on 14 October 1914 and became an important railhead, air depot and hospital centre. Several casualty clearing stations, including No. 1 Canadian CCS, were quartered there. The earliest Commonwealth burials at Bailleul were made in April 1915. An extension was built and burials continued until April 1918; they occurred again in September and after the Armistice, when soldiers' remains were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields.

Thomas was posthumously awarded the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre), and the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918).⁴⁷ As next of kin, Edith also received a memorial plaque and a parchment scroll.

Although Tom's wife and children and extended family must have grieved his death immensely, the social conventions of the day demanded that the bereaved accept their losses quietly and stoically. His mother, Sarah Ann Handford, would lose not only Thomas to the war but also her sons Joseph Norman (in 1921), and John and Harry (in 1922) from injuries incurred during the war.

On 15 June 1916, there was a brief notice in the *Manchester Evening News* stating that Thomas Redfern, a well-known resident of Hayfield who belonged to an old local family, had been killed in action by shrapnel and that he left a widow and six children.⁴⁸ Edith's situation was not unique. She was one of 240,000 women widowed because of the war. It must have been very difficult for her to raise six young children on a pension that was not sufficient to cover daily needs.⁴⁹ She continued to live in Hayfield and in the same neighbourhood. When her oldest daughter, Harriet, married Joseph Allen on 17 July 1920,⁵⁰ she listed her address as Ridge Top Lane. To support her family, Edith found work outside the home. At the time of her death on 7 May 1935, she was working as a labourer in a calico print works firm and still living on Ridge Top Lane. Her son William, who had married Mary Clarke in 1928 and was living at 8 Shrewsbury Street, Glossop, Derbyshire, was with her when she died.⁵¹ On the eve of another war in 1939, he and his family were still living at that address and he was working as a builders' labourer.⁵²

Rifleman Thomas Redfern's sacrifice was not forgotten. To honour the members of the King's Royal Rifle Corps who gave their lives for their King and country, a bronze statue of a rifleman in full service dress, holding a Lee-Enfield rifle and surveying the terrain, was erected on 24 May 1922 at Winchester Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Winchester.⁵³ On 2 October 1926, the citizens of Hayfield erected a cross in the garden area next to St. Matthew's Church to honour the 57 men from the area who died during the First World War. Tom's name was inscribed on its base.⁵⁴

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⁵ "Manchester, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1930," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 May 2019) entry for Sarah Ann Mellers, Marriage year: 1874, Spouse: William Redfern. Note: Although Sarah Ann's last name is entered as "Mellers," she signed her name as "Mellars."

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¹⁰ "Certified copy of an entry of a death," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/order_history.asp: accessed 28 June 2019), entry for William Redfern, Date: 9 March 1881, Superintendent registrar's district: Chorlton, Registrar's sub-district: Ardwick, County: Lancaster, Age: 28

¹¹ "Derbyshire, England, Church of England Baptisms 1813–1916," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 2 September 2019), entry for James Handford: Baptism date: 1 August 1855, Baptism place: Hayfield, Derbyshire, England; "Derbyshire, England, Church of England Burials 1813–1991," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 2 September 2019), entry for James Handford: Burial date: 19 November 1909, Burial place: Hayfield, Derbyshire, England

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¹³ "Manchester, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1930," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 June 2019), entry for Sarah Ann Redfern, Marriage date: 24 Oct 1881, Marriage place: Ardwick, St. Thomas, Lancashire, England, Reference number: GB127.M273/1/3/3, Spouse: James Handford

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¹⁵ "GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 12 June 2019), entry for Joseph Handford, GRO Reference: 1882, M Quarter in Chorlton, Volume 08C, Page: 756. Note: Mother's maiden name is given as Redfern. *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* (<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/351634/handford.-/>: accessed 15 August 2019), entry for J.N. Handford

¹⁶ "GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 12 June 2019) entry for Gertrude Jane Handford, GRO Reference: 1883, M Quarter in Prestwich, Volume 08D, Page: 362

¹⁷ "GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 12 June 2019), entry for Gregory Handford, GRO Reference: 1884, D Quarter in Prestwich, Volume: 08D, Page: 350; "GRO Indexes, 1837–1954 Deaths," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 12 June 2019), entry for Gregory Handford, GRO Reference: 1885, D Quarter in Prestwich, Volume: 08D, Page: 205, Age: 1

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