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Killed in action: 3rd May 1918.



27th Bn City of Winnipeg
Cap Badge

Mr and Mrs William and Agnes Denholm of Manor Powis received official notification of their eldest son Thomas's death and informed the Stirling Observer who published it on 29th May 1918 and the following week.

Thomas was 26 years of age and had emigrated to Canada about 4 years before where he was employed as in agricultural work in Manitoba. Before going to Canada he was engaged in agriculture in the Denny district and was a member of the St. Andrew Masonic Lodge there. He enlisted in the Winnipeg Battalion in February of 1916 and went to France in December of 1916.

The 1901 census show that 10 year old Thomas was born in Ecclesmachan, Linlithgowshire and was staying at Herber Dechmont in West Lothian. He had an elder brother, George Denholm aged 14 years and an elder sister, Agnes aged 13 years. His father was 35 years old and a Foreman On Farm. His mother Agnes was 33 years of age in 1891.

Thomas was killed in action on 3rd May 1918 whilst serving in the 27th Battalion of the City of Winnipeg Battalion, Canadian Infantry.

Thomas's death is marked on the Vimy Memorial at the Pas de Calais, France along with 11169 casualties.

The grounds around the memorial are open year-round and contain restored and preserved trenches and tunnels. To view these, it is recommended that visitors pre-book. Without a booking, visitors will be accommodated depending on operational capacity.



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Historical Information

On the opening day of the Battle of Arras, 9 April 1917, the four divisions of the Canadian Corps, fighting side by side for the first time, scored a huge tactical victory in the capture of the 60 metre high Vimy Ridge.

After the war, the highest point of the ridge was chosen as the site of the great memorial to all Canadians who served their country in battle during the First World War, and particularly to the 60,000 who gave their lives in France. It also bears the names of 11,000 Canadian servicemen who died in France - many of them in the fight for Vimy Ridge - who have no known grave.

The memorial was designed by W.S. Allward. It was unveiled by King Edward VIII on 26 July 1936.



