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THOMAS GEORGE COOMBS

6TH SOUTH WALES BORDERERS • 6ED CYFFINWYR DE CYMRU

Thomas George Coombs was born in Crumlin, Mon. in 1896 to Thomas and Susan Ellen (nee Bradford) Coombs. The 1911 Census sees Thomas George Coombs as a fourteen year old Coal Miner Hewer, living at the family home in Old Cwmdows, Newbridge.

On the 24th September 1915 Thomas George Coombs enlisted in the army and was posted as Private (17288) to the 6th Battalion South Wales Borderers. He spent the winter in Armentières working in flooded trenches. In 1916 he was posted to Viny and Neuville St Vaast consolidating crater trenches and from there he moved on to the Somme digging communication trenches. 1917 was spent in Messines digging communication trenches and building tramways and roads before the Battalion moved on to Ypres.

Thomas George Coombs died on the 11th August 1917.



Thomas George Coombs's Memorial Plaque.
Plac Coffa Thomas George Coombs.

Cafodd Thomas George Coombs ei eni yn Crumlin yn 1896 i Thomas a Susan Ellen Coombs. Mae Cyfrifiad 1911 yn nodi Thomas George Coombs fel glöwr a oedd yn bedwar ar ddeg mlwydd oed, yn byw yng nghartref y teulu yn Old Cwmdows, Trecelyn.

Ar y 24ain o Fedi 1915, fe ymrestrodd Thomas George Coombs i'r fyddin a gafodd ei bostio fel Preifat (17288) i'r 6ed Bataliwn Cyffinwyr De Cymru. Treuliodd y gaeaf yn gweithio yn ffosydd a gafodd eu lifogu. Yn 1916, cafodd ei danfon i Viny a Neuville St Vaast i gyfnerthu ffosydd crater ac o hynny fe symudodd i'r Somme i gloddio ffosydd cyfathrebu. Yn 1917 aeth i Messines i gloddio ffosydd cyfathrebu ac i adeiladu tramffyrdd ac heolydd cyn i'r Bataliwn symud i Ypres.

Bu farw Thomas George Coombs ar Awst 11eg 1917.

August 1917

11th Coy. Detailed for extending C.T. held up by barrage and were unable to reach their Tank.
Major CRAWFORD died of wounds 10th inst.

Killed in action 16955 Sergt. FOULKES,
17288 Pte. COOMBES

Wounded in action 29588 Pte. Charles,
40118 Pte. OLIVER, 42325 Pte. REID, 42045
Pte. CUNNINGHAM, 40155 Pte. HALES

(Foggy and rain)

Extract from the official War Diary of the 6th South Wales Borderers records the death of Pte. Thomas Coombs on 11th August 1917.

Detholiad o Ddyddiadur Rhyfel swyddogol y 6ed Cyffinwyr De Cymru yn recordio marwolaeth Pte Thomas Coombs ar y 11eg o Awst 1917.



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