

In 1911 the family had moved to Hope Cottage, Alstonefield, where Thomas was an Outdoor Apprentice Joiner.

1	Thomas Wooddisse	Head	72	Married	19 7 5 2	at Home	at Home	Joiner	210	worken	4	Alstonefield	Staff
2	Edith Wooddisse	Wife	41	Married	19 7 5 2	at Home	at Home	at Home				Alstonefield	Staff
3	Elizabeth Wooddisse	Daughter	18	Single		at Home	at Home	at Home				Alstonefield	Staff
4	Thomas Wooddisse	Son	16			at Home	at Home	at Home				Alstonefield	Staff
5	John Wooddisse	Son	14			at Home	at Home	at Home				Alstonefield	Staff
6	Ralph Wooddisse	Son	13			at Home	at Home	at Home				Alstonefield	Staff
7	Alice Wooddisse	Daughter	11			at Home	at Home	at Home				Alstonefield	Staff
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—			Total		
(1) All the persons in this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column.	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
(2) I have counted the males and females in Column 4 and 5 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.	4	3	7		7
(3) I have ticked the necessary squares. I have corrected all errors in the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.	K 1645				

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Transoms, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Thos Edw Wooddisse*

Postal Address: *Hope Cottage, Alstonefield*

(3)

Thomas's father was a self employed joiner in 1901 and in 1911 had become an estate joiner, presumably for the Harper Crewe estate. Thomas senior died in 1912.

Thomas Edward enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters, 19576, on 12 November 1914 but was soon transferred to the Lincoln Regiment. After training in Plymouth, Halifax and Sunderland he was drafted out to India. Whilst there he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and was in the Supply and Transport Corps at Rawalpindi. It was here that his health gave way and after treatment at various hospitals he was eventually discharged from the army on 1 March 1918.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regtl. No.
WOODDISSE	Line R	Pte	19576
Thomas E.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY			
BRITISH STAR	F/105 A	10	Regt (1443, HR) 8115/Adt.
SWB List	F/A/100.		
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

8115/Adt. K. 1580

Thomas's Medal Index Card records that he was awarded the British Medal and the Silver War Badge.

The latter is awarded was awarded to all those military personnel who were discharged as a result of sickness or wounds contracted or received during the war, either at home or overseas.

(4)

Thomas died on 29 May 1918 and is buried in the churchyard at St Peter's Church, Alstonefield.



DEATH OF AN ALSTONEFIELD SOLDIER

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Sergeant Thos. E. Wooddisse, eldest son of the late Mr. T. E. Wooddisse and Mrs. Wooddisse, of "The Hollow," Alstonefield, which took place on the 30th inst. Sergeant Wooddisse enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters in the early part of the war, but was soon transferred to the Lincolns, and after training at Plymouth, Halifax, and Sunderland, was drafted out to India, and whilst there rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was in the Supply and Transport Corps at Rawarpindi. Here his health gave way, and after treatment at various hospitals he was eventually discharged from the army. He bore his illness with wonderful patience and cheerfulness, everything possible being done, but he passed peacefully away, as stated at the early age of 25. The late Sergeant Wooddisse was always of a bright and cheerful nature, gaining many friends, and his death is keenly felt by a wide circle of relatives and friends. The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved mother and family.

The funeral took place on Monday in last week, the Rev. A. E. Brown officiating. The mourners were Mrs. Wooddisse (mother), Mr. and Mrs. H. Wooddisse (brother and sister), Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow (brother-in-law and sister), Miss Alice Wooddisse (sister), Mr. Ralph Wooddisse (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Muttit, Stainsbro' Hall (uncle and aunt), Mrs. Bunting (aunt), Mr. H. Hope (cousin), Miss Critchlow, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. J. Hope, Miss Bailey, and Miss Benington. The bearers were Mr. W. J. White, Mr. H. Hope, Mr. R. B. Wooddisse, Mr. John Bailey, Mr. Jas. Bailey, Mr. S. Riley, Mr. H. Penny and Mr. S. Bunting. A large number of sympathising friends assembled to show their respect to one who had given 3½ years on war service. Mr. J. Hope had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The wreaths were very beautiful and included the following:—My dearly loved son from mother; in ever loving memory of our dear Tom from his brother and sister, Herbert and Ada; from Betty, George and Kitty; from Alice and Ralph, with fondest love; in ever loving memory from all at Stainsbro'; from Mr. and Mrs. J. Hope, Harry and Jennie, with sympathy; deepest sympathy from Jack and Jim Bailey at Hanson; with deepest sympathy from Alice and Ruth Bailey; in loving memory from all at "The George."

Another brother, Private J. Wooddisse, is also serving in France, having enlisted with Sergeant Wooddisse in October, 1914.

Details of his funeral are recorded in the Ashbourne News on 14 June 1918. He is described as having borne his illness with wonderful patience and cheerfulness. He was always of a bright and cheerful nature, gaining many friends. His death was felt by a wide circle of relatives and friends.

Source of information

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