



Robert Tee Boon

Robert Tee Boon was born in Gretton 1899. His father was Robert Tee Boon of Gretton, his mother Elizabeth Tee Boon (nee Gunnell) of Harringworth. Robert and Elizabeth had married in 1898.

Family History

In 1901 Robert and Elizabeth were living in Gretton. With Robert and Elizabeth were their children John Gunnell, Elsie Gunnell and Robert Tee Boon. Robert Snr. was employed as an ironstone labourer.

By the 1911 Census the family had relocated to Newton nr. Geddington. Robert Snr. and eldest son John Gunnell were employed as ironstone labourers. Also resident were children Elsie, Robert, Daisy Elizabeth, Rose Eleanor, Henry Joseph and Lilian Constance.

Robert, Daisy, Rose, Henry and Lilian were all baptised on 22nd July 1908 in Newton.

Military History

Robert Tee Boon enlisted in Leicester on 19th November 1917. He was to serve as Private (106225) in the 7th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). Robert was resident in Leicester at the time of enlistment working as an engine cleaner for the Midland Railway Company.

Robert Tee Boon was called-up on 19th April 1918. From Leicester he was posted to the Sherwood Foresters to undergo training in Skegness from the 21st April 1918.

On 3rd July 1918 Private Robert Tee Boon was admitted to the Military Hospital in Grimsby, suffering with influenza and pneumonia. He died the following day, 4th July 1918. His total time in uniform was 78 days.

Robert's family was living in Kettering. Private Robert Tee Boon was given a military funeral and buried in London Road Cemetery, Kettering.

There are now 51 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and a further 40 of the 1939-1945 war in London Road Cemetery.

Members of Commonwealth Forces who died in the service of their country, and were cremated at Kettering Crematorium, are commemorated upon a screen wall in this cemetery, near the Cross of Sacrifice.



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Lest We Forget

Robert Tee Boon
of the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)

d. 4th July 1918

John Gunnell (brother)

Robert's brother John Gunnell served as a Private (G/13432) with the 7th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). John was taken as a prisoner of war. He died on 3rd June 1917. John Gunnell is buried at the Hamburg Military Cemetery, Germany.

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