



# Woodford Remembers



## Edward Thynne Bonser

18 December 1893 – 2 December 1917

### Family

Edward's grandparents were John and Harriett Bonser. John was born in Bulwick and Harriett Siddons in Kings Cliffe and they married in 1849. Their first born was John Thomas Bonser who was born in 1850 in Wadenhoe. He was educated at a boarding school in the Manor House at Fotheringhay. One of his first jobs after leaving school was as bailiff at Siddons' farm at Aldwinkle, and by 1881 he was a farmer at Newton Harcourt (Leicestershire), married to Mary eventually having seven children. In 1890 he took on Daventry Farm before moving to the Glebe Farm in Church Street Woodford.

John (senior) and Harriett had further children (i.e. siblings to John T) including George, James, Emma, Edward, Mary and Phillip.

In about 1880 James emigrated to Canada, initially settling in Winnipeg, where he and his wife Barbara (born Gibraltar) had five children; Edward, Mildred, Harriet, Elise and John. Edward, who was born in 1893 eventually became a homesteader / farmer in Youngstown. When he enlisted, his father James, moved to Youngstown district in 1914. To run the farm. James died after a short illness in May 1924, and his widow, Barbara, in 1941.

### Army Service

Edward enlisted in Quebec City with the Canadian Militia Regiment on 24 September 1914, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Battalion (Regimental number 2461). He died on 2 December 1917. The regiment was initially founded by private sponsorship to fight in the Boer War. At the end of the conflict the regiment was disbanded, but reformed in 1909, and renamed Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian). In 1914 the regiment was mobilised and began training in England. The regiment initially served as infantrymen in 1915, but on 16 February 1916 became a mounted unit. In 1917 the Cavalry unit were used to defend the Somme battlefront.

### Burial / grave

Heudicourt Communal Cemetery Extension (Somme) Grave C 15

### Dependants

None

### Commemoration

St Mary's Church War Memorial Woodford



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