

Private John Thomson

1st Battalion Highland Light Infantry  
Service No: 26916

**Born / Resided**

Coatbridge / 83e Woodside St, Coatbridge

**Died**

Died 17/07/1916 of enteric fever in Hospital

**Enlisted**

Coatbridge 22/01/1916

**Employed**

Constable with the Coatbridge Police. Previously worked with his father in Rosehall Colliery

**Age**

22 / DOB - 15/03/1894

**Buried / Remembered**

Amara War Cemetery, Iraq

### **Family Information**

Son of Neil and Mary Thomson of 83e Woodside St, Coatbridge. Johns brother Able Seaman Alexander Thomson of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve `Hood` Battalion also died of enteric fever and inflammation of the tonsils on the 22/09/1915 (see index)

### **Additional Information**

John died of enteric fever, like his brother, in an Amara Hospital. He was previously employed with his father and brother in the Rosehall Colliery but due to ill health he joined the Coatbridge Police. Also remembered at the Family Plot in Old Monkland Cemetery (see photos x 3) and in the St Augustines Parish (book) Roll of Honour. See photos for Johns Medal Index Card and his Newspaper clippings x 4.



Likeness

| Name          | Grade    | Rank | Regt. Co. |
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| THOMSON, John | High Lt. | Sgt  | 26916     |

| Medal   | Ref.      | Page | Remarks |
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| VICTORY | D/104-312 | 920  |         |
| BATTAL  | "         | "    |         |
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Theater of War Occurred in \_\_\_\_\_

Date of entry therein \_\_\_\_\_

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Correspondence.

Address.

1925-26 101 W 102-117 St New York City N.Y.

Medal Index Card

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Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser 05/08/1916

## DEATH OF PRIVATE JOHN THOMSON.

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Coatbridge Express 02/08/1916



The sons of Coatbridge have responded right nobly to the call of duty and upwards of three hundred have died on the battlefield since the war began. It has been our painful duty from time to time to give the names of the fallen through our columns. While it is a glorious death to die for a just cause, it is also very trying to the parents and relatives at home to part with a dear one, and it is all the more sad when two are taken away from the same household. Mr and Mrs Neil Thomson, 85 Marshall Terrace, Woodside Street, have suffered in this respect. About ten months ago they lost their son, Able Seaman Alexander Thomson, who died in an hospital at Alexandria, Egypt, and now they mourn the death of a second son, Private John Thomson, H.L.I., whose death took place in an hospital at Amara on 17th July last. We are sure that nothing but the utmost sympathy goes out to Mr and Mrs Thomson in their double bereavement. The father is a well-known and highly respected townsman. He takes a leading interest in the welfare of the community, and is always on the side of right and justice. For many years he has been known as the "Working Man Unionist." At general elections he was always a prominent figure, and in the Old Monkland district invariably presided at the big political meetings. He is also a devoted churchman, and a gentleman greatly respected in the district. His son, Private John Thomson, went out to Mesopotamia on 22nd May. Prior to that he was eight months a constable on the Coatbridge Burgh Police Force and before that was employed with his father in the Rosshall Colliery. He was a young man of sterling character and was loved and admired by all with whom he came in contact. He was on the first Derby group that was called up.

Coatbridge Express 09/08/1916



Grave

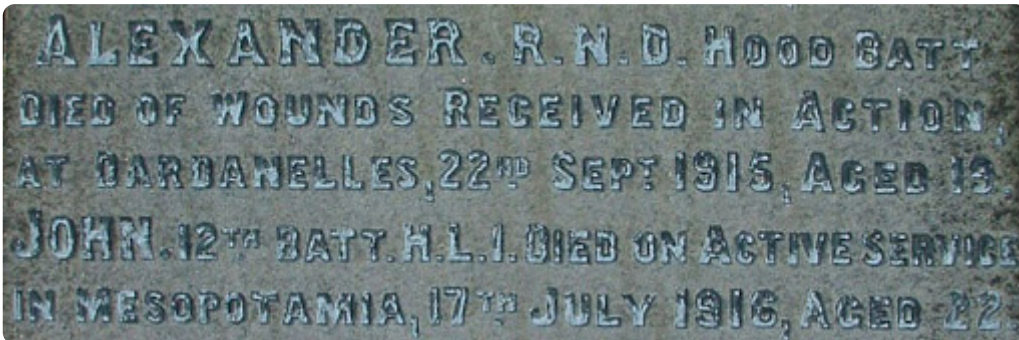
## PTE. JOHN THOMSON.

Grief has been brought for the second time during the war to the household of Mr Neil Thomson, 38 Marshall Terrace, Woodside Street, who is well known and highly respected in the town. Ten months ago they had to mourn the death of his second son, Alexander, killed in action, and now news has been received that another son, Pte. John Thomson, H.L.I., has died in an hospital at Amara on 17th July. Deceased, who was for eight months a constable in the Burgh Police Force, and prior to that was employed with his father in the Rosehall Collieries, went out to Mesopotamia on 22nd May. He was a young man of much force of character, and was highly respected by all with whom he came in contact. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Thomson in the double bereavement which has befallen them.





Johns name at the Family Plot in Old Monkland Cemetery (1)



Johns name at the Family Plot in Old Monkland Cemetery (2)



Johns name on the Family Plot in Old Monkland Cemetery (3)

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