

Bernard FLUX

Born: 1898, Marks Corner, Northwood

Parents: Thomas Flux and Eliza Earley

Last known address: Marks Corner, Northwood

Last known occupation: unknown – still at school in 1911

Service number: 65351 **Regiment:** 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment

Service history summary:

- enlisted : Winchester, date not known
- rank: Private
- decorations: British War Medal and Victory Medal,

Died: 30th October 1917

Age: 18

Commemorated: [Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium](#)

Family: Bernard was born on July 26th 1898, the fourth son of Thomas Flux and Eliza Earley who were married in 1890. Thomas was a blacksmith and farrier who later became a dairyman. Thomas died in 1950, aged 83.



Brothers: Thomas (1892), Harold (1894), Albert (1896) and Herbert Alan (1907)

Northwood/Gurnard connection: in 1911 Bernard, aged 12, was at school and living at Marks Corner, Northwood with his father Thomas (44) a dairy man, his mother Eliza (43), siblings Thomas (19) a cowman, Harold (16) a whitesmith's [tinsmith's] apprentice, Albert (14) a carpenter's apprentice and Alan (4). This Flux family lived in The White House where Thomas senior and Alan Flux originally ran a smallholding. Part of the house was used as a cattle shed and dairy. Thomas owned Solent View Cottages at Marks Corner and on his death this passed to his eldest son, Thomas.

War record: Bernard was a private in the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment, which had been in France since August 21st 1914. In January 1916 the Battalion was transferred to the 5th Division and took part in the Battle of the Somme in that year. They were then moved to a quieter location over the winter of 1916/17 but returned to the thick of the action in the Battle of Arras in the spring of 1917. Bernard was killed in action on October 30th 1917 which was probably during the second Battle of Passchendaele, part of the Ypres campaign in that year. His name appears on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. This is one of four memorials to the missing from the three battles of Ypres.

There were two other soldiers from local Flux families at who lost their lives in World War I.