Lance Corporal Thomas Ward No. 1988

Born in Cliburn near Penrith, his father and mother were William and Sarah Ward of Winderwath, Temple Sowerby, near Penrith.

By 1901 he was an under coachman, aged 15 he was living with his family in Barton in the parish of Cliburn. By 1911 he had moved out and by 1914 he was a gardener to Dr Lowther, Fernleigh, Grange over Sands.



Dr Lowther was a well known Grange Resident . The row of shops including Bagots' Opticians were built in the former grounds



He joined the Kings Royal Lancaster Regiment when war broke out and was killed in an accidental shooting while on guard duty on the Great Western Railway near Slough.

He is buried in an unmarked grave in the churchyard of St Cuthberts, Cliburn, and commemorated on a brass plaque inside the church.

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