

# Private THOMAS ERNEST BATES

Thomas was born in Gloucester and although we can't find him on the 1901 or 1911 census records, the Leicestershire War Memorials project says that he lived in Misterton.

He served with the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment "The Glosters". His Battalion arrived in France on 29 March 1915. Around this time the second battle of Ypres saw the first mass use by Germany of poison gas.

We know very little of how Thomas died, simply that he was killed in action on 6 May 1915. He is buried at Ploegsteert Wood Military Cemetery near Hainaut in Belgium.



*At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*