

## *Walter Victor Provis*

Private, Royal Scots Fusiliers. Enlisted at Walthamstow, November 16th, 1906. Previous service in Scotland, Ireland, India, South Africa, and Gibraltar. Went to France with B.E.F. in 1914. Killed at the Battle of Ypres, October 22nd, 1914. Mons Star, General Service and Victory Medals.



WALTER PROVIS WAS born in 1888 in Corsham to parents Joseph and Priscilla Provis. In 1891 Joseph was a coachman – there is a notation suggesting that he was a groom – and was living in Corshamside (Neston) with his wife and five children, Francis, William, Dora, Rose and Walter. The oldest son Francis was a shoe maker's apprentice. The family were still living in Corshamside in 1901 – Walter was at school but William was now a freestone quarryman. In 1911 Joseph Provis is recorded as being the personal coachman to Mr G.P. Fuller on the Neston Park estate.

Walter was a career serviceman, having enlisted in the Army in 1906 aged 18. He married Jeannie Dodd while serving in Dublin in 1908, and as a Private in the Royal Scots Fusiliers he also served in Scotland, India, South Africa and Gibraltar before being posted to France as part of the British Expeditionary Force at the start of the war. He was killed in action at the Battle of Ypres on 22nd October 1914 and is commemorated at the Menin Gate, Ypres.