

James Haynes

James Haynes, a younger brother of Manning Haynes, was born in 1897.

Like his brother he was an agricultural labourer, until he enlisted as a private in the 6th Battalion Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

He was killed at the Somme on the 3rd July 1916, aged only 19. His body was never found and he is honoured on the wall of the Thiepval Monument.

One interesting but sad fact about the brothers army life is that both Manning and James Haynes had leave before the Battle of Somme, but as Manning was coming home, James was going back to the trenches. That was the last time they met.

Story provided by James's niece, Pauline Lohour.

