



## GRAVE OF THE MONTH/MAY 2026

### Thomas Augustine Thorn (1882–1945)

Thomas was born in Newbury on 19th January 1882. He was a stone, monumental and architectural mason. He married Florence Mary Samuels in 1903. They had one son and five daughters. He took over the business from his father and in turn passed it to his son.

He was a volunteer in the old Berkshire Yeomanry, he served in the Royal Engineers in WW1 and rose to the rank of sergeant. He was gassed, and severely wounded in France. His three brothers also served; one of them, Ralph Ernest, was killed in action.

Thomas would have worked on the Newbury War Memorial on which his brother is commemorated.

He was a keen gardener and member of the British Legion and a Freemason, being a member of both Victory Lodge and The Porchester Mark Lodge.

He was described as “hard-working and ambitious, and was greatly respected”.

He died aged 63 on 25th May 1945 and was buried on 29th.



He was buried in Newtown Road Cemetery [N CH(G)1] and his obituary may be seen on the Friends' website:

[frcnewbury.org.uk/persondetails.asp?PersonID=1508](http://frcnewbury.org.uk/persondetails.asp?PersonID=1508)

There is more about his war service on his brother's website:

[www.westberkshirewarmemorials.org.uk/texts/stories/WBP01158S.php](http://www.westberkshirewarmemorials.org.uk/texts/stories/WBP01158S.php)

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