

John Thomas SHIELD

Date of Birth: 1919

Parents: John Thomas Nichols and Elizabeth Alice Shield at Chichester

School Years: 1929-1935(an "original") Story House Chichester High School for Boys

Athletic Sports – Individual Champion 1929

Athletic Sports – Victor Ludorum (Int) 1932 – (Sen) 1934

Sussex Inter-school athletic contest – Worthing – 1932

Oxford School Certificate – July 1934

Exempt from Matriculation Examination – University of London

Civilian Occupation: 'The Martlet' – Old Boys' News – 1936

Has obtained a post in the West Sussex County Medical Department

Armed Forces Record

Rank: Gunner

Service Number: 897969

Service Record: Battalion/
98 The Surrey/Sussex Yeomanry
Field Regiment in Belgium

Service Base: Royal Artillery

Date of Death: Reported

28 May 1940 to 11 June 1940



"Everywhere that right and glory lead"

The Martlet – School Notes – July 1940

"It is with great regret we record an addition to the casualty list of our Old Boys with Old Boy J.T. Shield (1929-1935) R.A. who has been reported missing after a campaign in Belgium. He did well in his days at School and in his civil life before serving with the Forces. To his parents and relatives, the whole School extends its deepest sympathy".

NB

In the confusion of war, the precise date of a combatant's death is often difficult to determine. This seems to have been the case of John Thomas SHIELD. However, the window dates of his loss coincide with those of the British Expeditionary Force's evacuation at Dunkirk 27th May – 4th June 1940. His regiment took part in the rearguard action that delayed the advancing thrust of the German tanks.

John Thomas SHIELD is buried at Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery France – Plot 8 – Row A – Grave 45. He was 22.

Commemorated

Chichester High School for Boys

Chichester War Memorial