

Thomas Norman Lewis
56682 Corporal Royal Garrison Artillery 321st Seige Bty.

Born Courtown Harbour, Co. Wexford, Ireland 1891
Son of Thomas Norman and Mary Lewis, who were born in England

1901 the family were living in 16, Mossyglenn, Greencastle, Donegal. Father was Boatman in charge of HM Coastguard.

1911 Lived at 3, Iddesleigh Terrace, which his parents ran as a lodging house and worked in Dawlish Brewery as an assistant clerk. His father, Thomas Norman Snr was a Naval Pensioner. Both parents were born in Devon.

Brothers: William Bray – a Golf assistant professional at Warren links (5th Devon Regt- survived); Charles Frank Chitty also worked at golf course
Sisters: Lucy dressmaker, Annie Elizabeth, Constance Mary dressmaker, Emily Frances assistant in drapers shop and younger sister Rosina May

Enlisted Newhaven 20/01/1915 gunner in Malta
Description: height 5ft 8³/₄ins; complexion fair; eyes blue; hair brown. Birthmark left breast. Religion C of E

Died 8th August 1917 killed in action near Ypres
Victory and British medals



Buried: Voormizeele Enclosure No.3, Belgium
The cemetery was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens
The Voormizeele Enclosures (at one time there were a total of four, but now reduced to three) were originally regimental groups of graves, begun very early in the First World War and gradually increased until the village and the cemeteries were captured by the Germans after very heavy fighting on 29 April 1918.

The Royal Garrison Artillery developed from fortress-based artillery located on British coasts. From 1914 when the army possessed very little heavy artillery it grew into a very large component of the British forces. It was armed with heavy, large calibre guns and howitzers that were positioned some way behind the front line and had immense destructive power.