

RYDE'S TOLL OF WAR

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Much sympathy is felt with the relatives of Pte. **J. GRIST**, of the Leicestershire Regiment, who was killed in action in France on September 27th. Pte. GRIST was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. GRIST of 60 Arthur-street, and was only 28 years of age.

JOHN GRIST, Private, No. 25705, The Leicestershire Regt., s. of John Grist, Bricklayer, by his wife Emma, dau of George Saxe; b. Portsmouth 14 Sept 1888; educ. Bettsworth Road School, Ryde, Isle of Wight; was a Building Repairer; enlisted 29 Feb 1916, having previously been medically rejected; served with the Expeditionary Force in France from the following July, and was killed in action at the taking of Thiepval 25 Sept 1916. His Captain wrote: "It was at 3 p.m. on Tuesday 25 Sept. that he was killed; his platoon was advancing across the open when he was struck by a machine-gun bullet. His courage and devotion to duty were a byword among officers and men." He m. at Stourbridge 19 Dec 1915, Jessie Maude (18 Summer Street, Lye, near Stourbridge), dau of Thomas Bolter.



John Grist.

Source:

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour 1914-1918

