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| ELLISON | Thomas Henry Jack |
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| <i>Date of Birth</i> | 26.01.1891 | <i>Place of Birth</i> | Woolwich | | |
| <i>Date of Death</i> | 20.10.1914 | <i>Place of Death</i> | France | | |
| <i>Height</i> | | <i>Weight</i> | | <i>Position</i> | Centre/Inside Forward |

| <i>Club</i> | <i>Joined</i> | <i>Season</i> | SExL | | ES BL | | F A | | FA AC | | S F | | TOTALS | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G |
| Colchester Town | 12.1910 | 1910-11 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 7 | 6 |
| | | 1911-12 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 13 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 17 | 22 |
| | | 1912-13 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 22 | 21 |
| Croydon Common | | 1912-13 | | | | | | | | | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Colchester Town | | 1913-14 | | | | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | 2 | 0 |
| Croydon Common | | 1913-14 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Grays Athletic | | 1913-14 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | TOTALS | 22 | 15 | 20 | 32 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 54 | 51 |

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| <i>Internationals</i> | None | <i>F.A. Cup Finals</i> | None | <i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i> | None |
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| <i>Jottings</i> |
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The 1891 Census records him as 2 months old, living at 6 Pellipar Road Woolwich with his father Thomas (33), a Dubliner and a private in the Northumberland Fusiliers (although this was an error, given that his service record evidences that he was always in the Royal Artillery) and his mother Grace (23) from Colchester in Essex

The 1901 Census records him as 10 years old, living at 4 St. Peters Street Colchester with his widowed maternal grandmother Elizabeth Connor (71), from Colchester, and a boarder Edward Willard (36), a leather dresser from Battle in Sussex

His father became the landlord at the Beehive Inn in Colchester, but died shortly afterwards at just 36 years of age

The 1911 Census records him as 20 years old and a trumpeter with the 134th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery, based at the Louisberg Barracks in Bordon, Hampshire

He first appeared for Colchester Town while on leave from the Royal Field Artillery, but he later transferred to Grays Athletic as the club was nearer to his barracks in Chatham

He gained representative honours with both Essex and The Army

Was known as "Tibby" Ellison while playing for Colchester Town (with whom he is pictured above) and Grays Athletic

His other appears for Colchester Town were

His appearances for Croydon Common, and his two Essex clubs, overlapped to some extent

Was Gunner 37654 in the 13th Battalion of the 32nd Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery during WW1

Killed in action, probably at Neuve Eglise, he is buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery in France (Grave Reference - Special Memorial B4)

His brother was also killed while serving with the Royal Field Artillery

His medal card records that he "Died of Wounds"

His was one of a dozen graves destroyed when a shell landed in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery in 1918, with the result that his headstone merely records that he is "known to be buried in this cemetery"

In November 1914, a number of Essex newspapers started to include him within their Role of Honour, quoting his connection with the town of Grays

On Saturday 11 October 2014, before an F.A. Cup 3rd Qualifying Road match with Bromley, the players, supporters and officials of Grays Athletic F.C. marked the 100th anniversary of his death by holding a minute's silence, while the club captain laid a wreath on the pitch and a bugler sounded the last post.



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His record in minor cup competitions for Colchester Town was as follows:

| | 1910-11 | | 1911-12 | | 1912-13 | | 1913-14 | | TOTALS | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G |
| Essex Senior Cup | | | | | 1 | 3 | | | 1 | 3 |
| Pearson Charity Cup | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0 | | | 8 | 10 |
| Worthington Evans Cup | | | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 14 |

(With thanks to Kevin Drury for all the statistics relating to Colchester Town)