

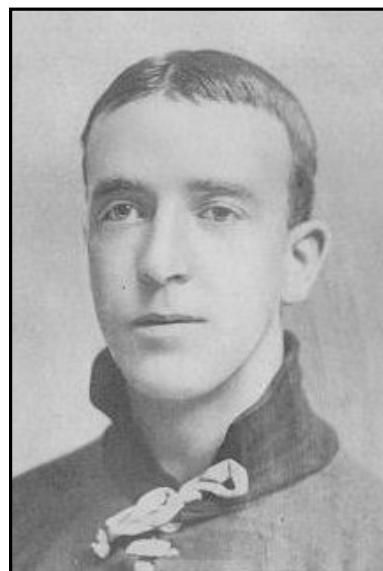
WOOD	Norman Arthur
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	1890	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Tooting		
<i>Date of Death</i>	28.7.1916	<i>Place of Death</i>	Somme, France		
<i>Height</i>	5ft 9in	<i>Weight</i>	12st	<i>Position</i>	Inside Forward

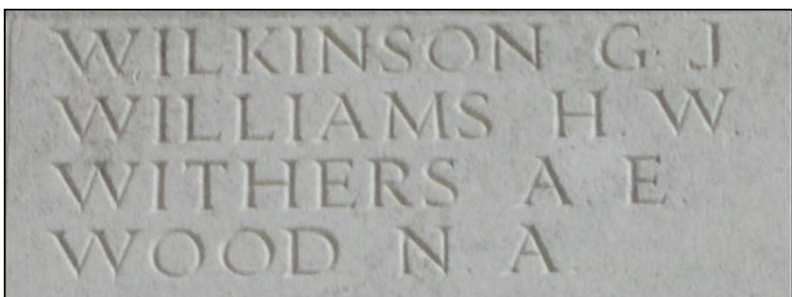
<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	F L		F A		S L		S E		TOTALS	
			A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Bromley												
Tottenham Hotspur	6.1908											
Crystal Palace	9.1909	1909-10					1	0			1	0
Plymouth Argyle	8.1910	1910-11					2	0			2	0
Croydon Common	7.1911	1911-12			4	2	13	4	20	12	37	18
Chelsea	3.1912											
Stockport County	6.1913	1913-14	37	10	1	0					38	10
		1914-15	21	2	1	0					22	2
Stalybridge Celtic	3.1915											
Footballers' Battalion	1915											
		TOTALS	58	12	6	2	16	4	20	12	100	30

<i>Internationals</i>	None	<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>	None
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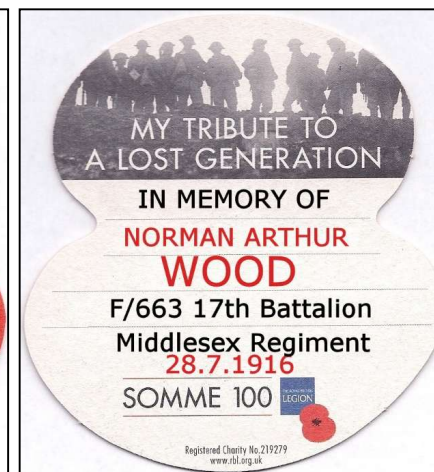
<i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i>				
<i>Company</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Club</i>
Taddy	1908	N/A	Prominent Footballers	Tottenham Hotspur



Taddy 1908



His name recorded on the Thiepval Memorial



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<i>Jottings</i>

Appeared for Croydon Common in 1 minor cup match, without scoring
No first team appearances for Tottenham Hotspur or Chelsea
Once played the first half of a game in goal for the Common (12-2 away at Chesham Town on 1.1.1912)
Appeared for London in 4 matches in 1907
The Plymouth Argyle handbook referred to him as "a re-instated amateur, an artistic inside-left".
In his sixth appearance for Stockport County, he scored an own goal, conceded a penalty and missed a penalty!
Made two appearances for Stockport County Reserves in the Central League in 1913-14, scoring once against Port Vale
Died at Delville Wood while serving as Serjeant F/663 in No. 3 Company of the 17th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment
Apparently enlisted in Chester, with his address recorded as Millbrook in Cornwall
His death is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, near Bapaume (Pier/Face 12D) as he has no known resting place
In the 1891 Census, he is shown as 1 year old, living at 24 Rodwell Road, Camberwell with his father Benjamin (42), a Battery Sergeant Major with the Royal Artillery, his mother Kate (34) and siblings Christiana (12), Mary (10), Alice Maud (8), Charles (6) and Joseph (4)
In the 1901 Census, he is shown as an 11 year old scholar living at 44 Mile End Road, London with his father Benjamin (52), a publican, his mother Kate (41), and sisters Christiana (22) and Maud (18) and brothers Charles (16) and Joseph (14), together with a female servant aged 25
In the 1911 Census, he is shown as living at Rose Cottage, Brixton, Plymouth with his father Benjamin (59), an out of business publican, his mother Catherine (52), and his brother Alec, aged 8, and his occupation is shown as "clerk to football club", not footballer
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records that he was the son of Benjamin and Kate Wood of 3 Laurel Villas, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent
Was baptised 4 May 1890 - but his birth still eludes discovery
His mother was born in Nova Scotia and he had siblings born in Bermuda, Gibraltar and Jersey
When reporting his death, the Athletics New said "... with his brushed dark hair and deft touches of the ball with the side of the foot, his type of play was unselfish ... for with a crafty left foot he made openings and opportunities for colleagues. Unquestionably he was a fine initiator, but did not make the mark that he should have done."

<i>Footballers' Battalion - Known Appearances</i>

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Reading	04.09.1915	Elm Park	1-0	The goal was scored by Jack Cock, who later played for the Robins
Bath City	??.09.1915	Bath	3-2	
Birmingham	30.10.1915	St. Andrews	3-1	He played AGAINST the Battalion as Birmingham were two men short and he was "borrowed"

(With thanks to Andrew Riddoch & John Kemp, the authors of an excellent history of the Footballers' Battalion entitled When the Whistle Blows)

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Croydon Common 1911-12



Stockport County 1913-14



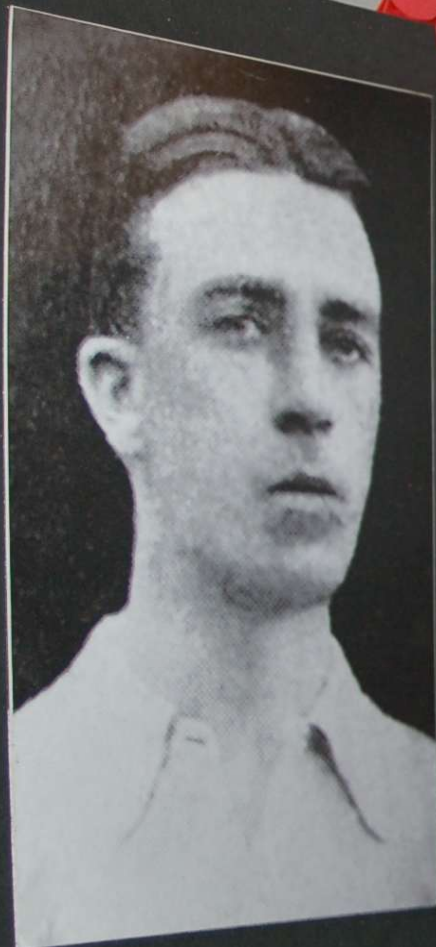
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Footballers' Battalion



Stockport County 1914-15



PROMINENT FOOTBALLER

A professional footballer, he played for several clubs including Tottenham Hotspur, Crystal Palace, Plymouth Argyle, Croydon Common, Chelsea and Stockport County. Whilst at Tottenham Hotspur he appeared on a cigarette card in the Taddy Cigarettes' Prominent Footballers series.

He enlisted on 8th February 1915, went to France on 16th November and was killed in action near Delville Wood.



FOOTBALLEUR DE PREMIER PLAN

Ce footballeur professionnel joue pour plusieurs clubs, notamment Tottenham Hotspur, Crystal Palace, Plymouth Argyle, Croydon Common, Chelsea et Stockport County. Jouant dans le club de Tottenham Hotspur, il figure sur une carte publicitaire dans un paquet de cigarettes de Taddy Cigarettes dans le cadre de la série sur les plus grands footballeurs.

Il s'engage le 8 février 1915, il part pour la France le 16 novembre et est tué au combat près du bois de Delville.

In this team photograph of Croydon Common in the 1911-12 season Norman is in the front row, first from the right. His performance that season against Chelsea Reserves so impressed the Football League side that they immediately put in a transfer bid and he moved across London.

Sur cette photo de l'équipe de Croydon Common durant la saison 1911-12, Norman se trouve au premier rang, le premier à partir de la droite. Sa performance lors de cette saison contre le club de Chelsea Reserves impressionne tellement ses adversaires de la Football League qu'ils lui soumettent immédiatement une offre de transfert. Il l'accepte et part pour Londres.

In 2012, an exhibition was held in Peronne in France entitled "The Missing of the Somme".

It featured one soldier who died on each of the 141 days of the battle of the Somme and Norman Wood was selected for 28 July 1916. This is his exhibit.



Plymouth Argyle 1910-11



This plaque commemorates the former players of
Stockport County A.F.C.

who gave their lives having served in the First World War (1914-1918)



Roll of Honour

Player	First team debut	Date of death	Place of death	Regiment
Joe Beswick	05/01/1907	14/07/1916	Flanders	Lancashire Fusiliers
Frank Booth	08/02/1902	22/06/1919	Manchester Royal Infirmary	Royal Garrison Artillery
James Greechan	01/09/1909	25/08/1917	Flanders	Highland Light Infantry
Richard Hegarty	13/12/1905	03/10/1917	Gosforth Hospital	A Battery, 51st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
John Hodgkinson	07/10/1905	05/06/1915	Gallipoli	1st/5th Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment
Fred Houghton	25/12/1911	15/11/1918	Iraq	8th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment
William McRait	04/10/1913	12/07/1915	Gallipoli	Royal Scots Fusiliers
Christopher Porter	14/04/1906	04/06/1915	Gallipoli	1st/6th Battalion, Manchester Regiment
Robert Stuart	03/10/1903	27/09/1918	France	14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Wilfred Tomarr	27/02/1904	02/05/1917	France	2nd/10th Battalion, The Kings (Liverpool Regiment)
George Warren	21/10/1911	16/05/1917	France	2nd Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment (Liverpool Regiment)
Norman Wood	03/09/1913	28/07/1916	France	17th Battalion (1st Footballers), Middlesex Regiment
Jack Yuill	26/10/1907	09/07/1916	France	19th Battalion, Manchester Regiment

They played for County and we will always remember them

This plaque was made possible through generous donations from Stockport County supporters
 Unveiled in November 2018 on the centenary of the end of The Great War

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Tottenham Hotspur 1908-09

SOMME 100



THIS SOMME 1916 PIN COMMEMORATES THE LIFE OF

SERGEANT NORMAN ARTHUR WOOD

17TH BATTALION, MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

DIED: 28TH JULY 1916

SERVICE NUMBER: F/663

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