



Albert Frederick ANTHONY

Second Lieutenant. 18th Bn. Welsh Regiment

At KES:

Albert's father died in 1908 "whilst preaching in the street". Almost straight away he came to KES from his home in Upton Park. He was described as a very good Gardener. When he left in 1913 the records state that he went to work in a Stockbroker's office, although his obituary below says it was an Architect's office.

Date of Death: 10th April 1918

Place: France

Buried: Haverskerque British Cemetery Nord

Died of wounds aged 20. His regiment was engaged in the First Battle of Bapaume; fought 24-25 March. For 42 days the Battalion withstood the brunt of German attacks on overwhelming numbers. On April 9th they were almost wiped out.

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...was mortally wounded on April 9th and buried in Haverskerque Cemetery two days later. In the early part of the war he joined the Buffs and, for his meritorious conduct on the field, was soon made an N.C.O. and, later on, sent to England to obtain a Commission. After he had been gazetted to the 18th Welch Regt. He went across to France with his Battalion in December 1917. During the German offensive in March he was in some terribly tough fighting and was one of a very few officers who were not casualties. From Bullecourt he went to Armentieres, and it was there that the brave lad received his fatal wound.

When he left the old School, where he excelled both in the Classroom and Playing Fields "Tony" soon found congenial occupation in an Architect's office, and was doing splendidly. "He was an excellent officer and keen to do his duty; and, in this, one finds the "inner man" in him coming into evidence, yes, even on the battlefield," wrote the Chaplain of his Battalion. A host of friends will join us in our deep sympathy with his sorrowing mother and family.