



Archibald Frank Percival JONES

Private 2nd Bn South Lancashire Regiment

At KES:

Archibald was born in Wimbledon and came to Witley in 1896. His occupation at school was shoemaker and he was described as good. He left in 1899 and went straight into the army.

Date of Death: 7th September 1914

Place: France

Buried: Perreuse Chateau Cemetery

The first Battle of the Marne was fought from 5–12 September 1914. It resulted in an Allied victory. He was part of the Expeditionary Force and was killed in the first major battle against the German Army under Chief of Staff Helmuth von Moltke. The battle was the culmination of the German advance into France and pursuit of the Allied armies which followed the Battle of the Frontiers in August, which had reached the outskirts of Paris.

The counter attack of six French field armies and the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) along the Marne river forced the German Imperial Army to abandon its push on Paris and retreat north-east, leading "the Race to the Sea" and setting the scene for four years of trench warfare on the Western Front. The battle of the Marne was an immense strategic victory for the Allies, wrecking Germany's bid for a swift victory over France.

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It is with deep regret that we record the death of AFP Jones (1896–99), which occurred on September 7th. His regiment was amongst the first at the front, and the memorial card, with the words "Who was killed while signalling for help from the French in the retreat from Mons" shows us that another gallant KES Old Boy died a hero's death. To his family and relations we convey our heartfelt sympathy.