



## Arthur FRANCIS

Private. 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. King's Liverpool Regiment

### At KES:

Arthur was born in 1891 in Portsmouth. His father died in 1901 and so he and his younger brother, Herbert, were destined to attend KES. Both were also to die in the Great War. Arthur arrived in 1903. His occupation was in the garden and he was described as "good". When he left in 1906 he became a page/houseboy in Chiddingfold.

**Date of Death: 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917**

**Place: France**

**Remembered on the Arras Memorial Pas de Calais**

Arthur was killed in action with no known grave. It was in order to support the ill-fated Nivelle Offensive that Britain initiated the Battle of the Scarpe in the Arras area of France on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Casualties for the King's during the initial phase of the Arras Offensive exceeded 700.

## Obituary

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Francis was killed in action on Easter Monday when in service with the King's Liverpool Regiment. Before being transferred to this battalion he was sometime with the LD Cyclists (London Divisional Cyclist Company). He left school to work at Mr Ryde's in Chiddingfold, then moved to London where he was employed by Mr. J. Todd. Francis worked in the school gardens with Mr Whibley and will be always remembered by his chums as a good chap, fond of all boyish games, and possessed of a great love for the outdoor life. We deeply sympathise with Mrs Francis and family, as Arthur's loss at the age of 25 shortly followed the loss of another of her boys aged 23.