



Bertram Lewis EVANS

Private. 18th Bn. Gloucestershire Regiment

At KES:

Born in 1878 in Kentish Town, London, Bertram came to KES in February 1889 when he was 11 years old. His occupation was in the Garden and he was described as "good". When he left in 1892 he went to work for W. A. Gilbey, with a wage of £30 p.a.

Until he joined up he lived with his widowed mother and continued to work as a clerk for the wine merchant W. A. Gilbey & Co.

Date of Death: 11th September 1918

Place: France

Buried: Sailly -Labourse Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais

The circumstances of how Bertram was killed in action is unknown. The 18th Bn. was a service battalion which had landed in France on 1st August 1918 and was engaged in various actions on the Western Front including the Final Advance in Artois. More details are shown in his obituary below.

Obituary

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....was killed in France on September 11th whilst attempting to rescue a wounded comrade. Joining up under the "Derby Scheme" when nearing his 40th birthday, he was first with the Middlesex Regt. And was then transferred to the Northants Regt. For many months he was with them doing clerical work, and in July last was sent to France as a stretcher bearer attached to the 18th Gloucester Regiment.

On leaving School, he obtained a post with the firm of W. A. Gilbey & Co., in which he held an important office at the time of his enlistment. Evans was a splendid type of a KES Old Boy and yielded to none in the love for his old school, and was ever ready to help in any of the interests of the Old Boys' Association. An upright, genial and loveable man has passed away, and we, with his nearest and dearest, mourn his loss.