



Cecil Thornton ELLERBECK

Rifleman. 1st Bn. Royal Irish Rifles

At KES:

One of nine children and no father he came to KES in 1908. His occupation was in the Garden and he was described as good. When he left in 1913 he went work locally for Miss Richie, "Gurdons", Witley.

He enlisted at Milford the following year.

Date of Death: 26th October 1917

Place: Belgium

Buried: Prowse Point Military Cemetery Comines-Warnton

Cecil was killed in action during the Second Battle of Passchendaele. Between 21st and 31st October there were 20,500 casualties.

Attacks in October had failed to make much progress. The eventual capture of what little remained of Passchendaele village by British and Canadian forces on 6 November finally gave Haig an excuse to call off the offensive and claim success.