



## **Charles Alex WRIGHT**

**Gunner. "B" Bty. 32<sup>nd</sup> Bde. Royal Field Artillery**

### **At KES:**

Charles was born on Christmas Day 1897 in Hastings. He had no father when he joined KES in 1909. His occupation was in House and school and he was described as very good. In 1912 he went to Guys Hospital in London suffering from "tubercular disease of the spine". Later he went home to Hastings for the fresh air.

**Date of Death: 30<sup>th</sup> July 1917**

**Place: Belgium**

**Remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres**

Charles' health improved enough for him to enlist, but he was killed in action during the Third Battle of Ypres. He was only 19 when he was killed, and has no known grave.

Third Battle of Ypres offensive was mounted by Commonwealth forces to divert German attention from a weakened French front further south. The initial attempt in June to dislodge the Germans from the Messines Ridge was a complete success, but the main assault north-eastward, which began at the end of July, quickly became a dogged struggle against determined opposition and the rapidly deteriorating weather. The campaign finally came to a close in November with the capture of Passchendaele.