



Ernest Edward KING

Rifleman. 1st/9th Bn. London Queen Victoria Rifles

At KES:

Ernest did not have a father and he came to KES in 1904. He was a good chap and was in the Band. When he left in 1908 he went home to his mother and siblings, who lived in West Norwood, London. He worked as a clerk to a woollen manufacturer.

Date of Death: 14th April 1917

Place: France

Remembered on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais

Ernest was killed in action and has no known grave. Like Arthur Francis he was probably killed during the Battle of Scarpe.

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 9th April 1917.

Obituary

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...was killed in action on or about April 14th, while serving with the 1/9 London Regt. Queen Victoria Rifles. He joined the army in March 1916 and was wounded during the fighting at the Somme in the following September. After being in hospital he returned to France in February of this year. "Fatty" was a very happy lad; good at school work and took his part in all a real schoolboy loves. He was a frequent visitor amongst us and always showed he had a strong affection for his old School. He was fond of music and for several years played in the First Band. To his sorrowing mother and friends we offer our deepest sympathy.