



## Francis William PEARCE

Rifleman. 12<sup>th</sup> Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corp

### At KES:

Francis came from a large family and his father had died. He came to KES in 1906 from his home in Fulham. He was described as good in the House and when he left in 1911 he became a Page.

**Date of Death: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1917**

**Place: Belgium**

**Buried: Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen**

Francis was killed in action and has no known grave. Albert William Voller was killed in the same week and also is remembered at TyneCot.

The Corp had been in the Ypres area for two years and in September was engaged in the Battle of the Menin Road, which was a phase in the Third Battle of Ypres.

From Douglas Haig's "Passchendaele Despatch"

*North-east of Langemarck stubborn fighting took place for the possession of the short length of trench which, as already recounted, had resisted our attacks on the 16th August. It was not till the morning of the 23rd September that the position was finally captured by us (20th Division).*

It was that morning that Francis was killed.