



## **Horace Reginald WILLCOX**

**Rifleman. Rifle Brigade**

### **At KES:**

Horace's father had just died when he came to KES in 1898 from his home in Camberwell. He was described, then, as "always good". In School his occupation was Band and again he was described as "very good". With such ability it was appropriate that when he left in 1901 he went into the Band of the Rifle Brigade at Gosport.

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**Date of Death: 31<sup>st</sup> October 1919**

**Place: England**

**Buried: Woodbridge, Essex**

Horace died in the Influenza epidemic that swept the world at the end of World war One.

He had served his country since 1901. In 1905 he was hit by a cricket ball whilst serving in Khartoum which affected his hearing. He was discharged after this, not as described in the obituary below. However, more details are given about his last years in the obituary.

He was finally discharged from service in June 1918 when his character was again described as "good and very good"

## **Obituary**

### **Obituary KES Magazine January 1920**

....on leaving School (he) joined the Band of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. He was invalided out of the Army from Egypt after a severe attack of Enteric Fever. On recovering he joined the staff of Claybury Asylum as an attendant, with duties also as a bandsman. He tried to re-join his old regiment at the outbreak of war in 1914, but was not physically fit; but in the following year he was passed as strong enough for home service with the R.F.A on the Isle of Sheppey. He contracted a very severe chill in 1917, which was followed by tubercular trouble, and was again invalided out of the Army. After nearly two years illness and sanatorium treatment, he passed away in October 1919. He leaves a widow and two children to whom we extend our deep sympathy in their bereavement.