



## **John SIMMONS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. The Rifle Brigade,  
attached to Bombing School, Aldershot.**

### **At KES:**

John came to KES from his home in Camden in 1884, soon after the death of his father. His conduct was recorded as good, however he was in the Band where his attainment was "indifferent". Despite this, when he left in 1888 he went to be a bandsman with The 2<sup>nd</sup> Queen's at Guildford.

**Date of Death: 21<sup>st</sup> August 1916**

**Place: Aldershot, England**

**Buried: Aldershot Military Cemetery**

John Simmons was a professional soldier for 28 years. Although he joined a Surrey regiment it seems that he re-engaged in the Rifle Brigade in 1900 after his marriage in the same year. By 1911 he had been promoted to Colour Sergeant.

During the War he was attached to the Royal Flying Corp and was an Instructor holding the rank of Second Lieutenant at the Bombing School, Claycourt Lane, Aldershot. On the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1916, during a demonstration, a bomb exploded in his hand and he was killed. At the Inquest that followed, his death was recorded as accidental.

Interestingly, the elder of his two sons joined the Royal Air Force in 1918 on his eighteenth birthday.