



Lionel Gregory ARNOLD

Private. 61st Coy. Machine Gun Corp

At KES:

Lionel came to KES in 1905 from his home in Highgate where he lived with his widowed mother. He was described as a "very good engineer". When he left in 1909 he went to work in a chemists.

Date of Death: 21st March 1918

Place: France

Remembered on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme

Lionel was killed in action and has no known grave. He was killed on the first day of the Battle of St Quentin.

"The Long, Long Trail" gives the following summary:-

The British infantry and the most forward-placed artillery face the "perfect storm" on the morning of 21 March: they are attacked in overwhelming strength in thick fog, wearing gas masks for much of the day, finding that fast-moving enemy infantry has broken through gaps in the defences and is rounding them up from behind. Thousands are killed and more captured. Many garrisons of strong points hold out although surrounded, but the Germans drive deep into the British positions in several areas, precipitating retreat and chaos that develops over the next few days

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....left school to take a situation with Allen & Hanbury's, with whom he remained until the outbreak of the war, when he joined the M.G.C. in September 1914. He saw considerable service on the Western Front, and was twice wounded. He is supposed killed on or since March 21st 1918. For several months he was reported missing, and his mother and relatives were buoyed up with the hope that he might turn up, until they received the final notification from the War Office.

Arnold was a fine lad at School, keen both at work and play, and left with a splendid character. Our sympathy to his mother and father.