



Norman Charles CLATWORTHY

Private. Royal Marines Light Infantry

At KES:

Born in 1895 Norman came to KES in 1906, his father having died. He was described as "very good in the band". He returned to live with his mother in 1907 as by then she had remarried, and so was able to look after him. By 1911 he was working as a photographic assistant and was still doing this job when he enlisted.

Date of Death: 21st January 1917

Place: England

Buried: Steatham Cemetery and remembered on the Brookwood Memorial

Norman did not see active service after he enlisted at the very start of the war. His record tells its own story.

"14176 Bugler King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, enlisted 7/9/14, transferred to RNVR as K.P/493 10/9/14, transferred to RM Divisional Train 3/1/15; Draft for No.2 Company Divisional Train MEF 16/2/16, joined Company at Mudros 24/2/16-9/9/16 to 3rd (RN) Field Ambulance Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Invalided to UK 27/9/16; Discharged Invalided 2/12/16 for "Pulmonary Tuberculosis."

Died after Discharge (invalided) at home address, 61 Rectory Lane, from (1) Pulmonary Tuberculosis, & (2) Haemoptysis.

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...joined the Royal Naval Division and served for over two years in the Royal Marines. In the course of much active service he unfortunately contracted tuberculosis in France and died on January 21st 1917. His body lies in Steatham Cemetery where he was buried with full naval honours. Norman was a promising lad, both in schoolwork and sports and, although his stay at KES was a short one, he made many friends. One who knew him intimately wrote:-
"Norman was a very good lad; he never complained whatever the circumstances were, and he thought the world of his mother."

A touching tribute to a brave boy.