



Richard COOPER

Company Sergeant Major. 2nd Bn. Manchester Regiment

At KES:

Richard's father was ill and died in 1896 less than a year after Richard had come to KES in 1895 from his home in Thornton Heath, Croydon. He was described as having "a generous disposition, requires gentle treatment but firm discipline." He went into the Band and was described as very fair. So not surprisingly when he left in 1899 he went into the Manchester Regiment as a bandsman.

In the 1901 census he is at Kneller Hall, the Army music school.

Date of Death: 30th August 1918

Place: France

Buried: Brie British Cemetery, Somme

Richard died towards the end of the war when the Allies were advancing across the Somme. He was probably engaged in the Battle of Albert 21st -23rd August, which was a phase in the Second Battle of the Somme. The cemetery at Brie was started after the Division in which he served cleared the village on 5th September 1918.

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...died for King and Country in France. He was in the School band and left to join that of the 2nd Manchester Regt. He was sent to Kneller Hall where he did well. After being stationed in Guernsey and Ireland he landed in France on August 30th 1914, and soon rose to the rank of Company Sergeant Major. He was buried at Marchlepot, south of Perrone. We deeply sympathise with his relatives and friends.