



Richard Goff CORBETT

Private, 1/5th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders

At KES:

Richard came to KES in 1910 aged 11. His father was in the Merchant Navy and his mother in service as a Nanny. Richard's occupation was in the Band and he was described as very good. When he left in 1915 he went straight into the band of the Seaforth Highlanders.

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Date of Death: 13th October 1918

Place: France

Buried: Avesnes-le-Sec Communal Cemetery, Nord

Richard died during the pursuit to the River Selle, which ended in the Battle of the Selle, 17-25th October. By 11th October British forces had closed up upon the retreating Germans, now hastily dug-in immediately to the east of the River Selle. Haig, sensing the enemy's near exhaustion, initiated a series of operations designed to get British troops in strength across the river.

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...was killed in France shortly before the signing of the Armistice in November last. "Nan" as he was affectionately called by everyone at School, was a fine happy lad and had a host of friends here. When he left us he joined the band of the Seaforth Highlanders and it was whilst serving with his battalion that he made the great sacrifice. His death will be deplored by all, and we tender our deep sympathy with his mother in India on the loss of her only son"

After his mother died in 1932 she left a bequest (all her estate) to the school. In 1935 this was used to build a covered way from the north side corridor to the new dining hall. A plaque commemorates this.

