



## **Robert Edward SMITH**

**Sergeant Major. Royal Artillery Reserve**

### **At KES:**

Robert's father had died in 1872, so he came to KES in 1873 aged 13. He came from Fulham and his conduct was good. His occupation was Tailor and again he was described as "very good". When he left in 1874 he went straight into the Royal Artillery and had a long and successful military career.

**Date of Death: 1<sup>st</sup> December 1918**

**Place: England**

**Buried: Gorleston Cemetery, Norfolk.**

Robert has served first in Ireland and later in other parts of the world. One child was born in Ireland and another in Delhi. In 1911 census he was a Chelsea Pensioner. When war broke out in 1914 he straight away attested on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1914.

He was discharged with "very good character" on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1918 because he had heart problems caused through his military service. He died at home in December 1918.