



Stephen William CRUMPTON

Corporal. 1st/7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment

At KES:

Stephen had no father and came to KES in 1907 aged 11. He worked in the garden and was described as very good. He was also in the Cadet Corp. When he left in 1912 it was to be an engineer. He was still working at Lubricators Ltd when he joined the army before the war started in 1914 aged 17.

Date of Death: 28th March 1917

Place: France

Buried: Agny Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais

Stephen was killed in action in France, the circumstances are unknown. As a regular soldier he had been at active since 1914 with the Expeditionary Force. He was wounded in the thigh in 1915, and was promoted to Corporal in 1916.

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..laid down his life for King and Country on March 28th 1917. One of "The First Hundred Thousand" Crumpton answered the call nobly and went through much fighting with the Middlesex Regiment. He was the first Old Boy to visit the school in hospital blue, having a pass from a Surrey Hospital. Here he was a patient with a badly wounded leg. One can honestly say Crumpton's life was one of service and sacrifice, for as a lad he was ever to the fore with his patrol of scouts in their various activities, and the following copy of a letter shows "Steve" in his truest colours.

Routine Orders by General H.S. Herne, K.C.B., Commanding First Army,
Headquarters First Army 20th January 1917

589. Acts of Courage

The General Officer Commanding wishes to express his appreciation of the following acts of courage on the part of the following N.C.O. and men:-

Corporal Crumpton,

...When himself a patient in the 1/2 London Clearing Station, this N.C.O. volunteered to undergo the operation of giving his own blood to a severely wounded man, who was dying from loss of blood. As a result of this plucky action on the part of Corporal Crumpton, the life of the wounded man was saved.

Truly a deed worthy of the noblest tradition of KES or of any school! May Mrs Crumpton and sorrowing family be somewhat comforted in the knowledge that we with all her dear boy's contemporaries share her sorrow.