



Walter Herbert BLANCH

Trumpeter. 9th Queen's Royal Lancers

At KES:

Walter came from Gosport and was fatherless from an early age. He came to KES in 1906. He was described as excellent in the band and so he went straight into the band of the 9th Lancers when he left in 1911.

Date of Death: 22nd March 1918

Place: France

Remembered on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme

Walter was 22 when he was killed in action and has no known grave. He probably died in the Battle of St Quentin, a phase of the Second Battle of the Somme.

The CWGC writes:

The POZIERES MEMORIAL relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8 August 1918.

The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names.