



Archibald Harry GRIFFITH

Lance Corporal 2nd Bn. Worcestershire
Regiment

At KES:

Archibald, born in 1897 was fatherless and came from Kidderminster to KES in 1909. His occupation at school was "engineer" and he was very good at this. When he left in 1912 he went back to Kidderminster to work as an engineer. Working diligently he was rewarded by KES with a sum of money for each of the next two years.

Date of Death: 25th September 1915

Place: France

Buried: Loos Memorial Pas de Calais

The Loos Memorial commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay.

The Battle of Loos opened on 25th September. In many places British artillery had failed to cut the German wire in advance of the attack. Advancing over open fields within range of German machine guns and artillery, British casualties were devastating.

Earlier in the year Griffith had written to KES and said *"In front of the German trenches some of the barbed wire entanglements are 20 feet thick, something terrible to look at, much less to charge"*

He was just 18 years old when he was killed in action.

Richard Messenge was killed on the same day and is also remembered on the Loos Memorial.