



Richard John Samuel MESSENGE

Private. 1st/7th Bn. London Regiment

At KES:

Born in 1895 and living in Newington, Richard came to KES in 1906. His father, a ship's rigger, had died in 1904.

In the Admissions Register there is the comment; "*Worst scamp at KES for first 2 years then became a useful Monitor*"

His occupations were in the House and Woodwork. He left to go home to his mother in 1911 to be an engineer or a gardener. There is no indication which but he worked well and received his reward, as all Old Boys did, for all 3 years after leaving.

Date of Death: 25th September 1915

Place: France

Buried: Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais

Richard has no known grave and his name appears below another KES boy George Merryweather. Unlike George, who died at the end of the battle, Richard died on the first day, aged just 20. Richard died on the same day as Archibald Griffiths who is also remembered on the Loos Memorial. He took part in the capture of Loos.

Obituary

Obituary KES Magazine

News has come to hand of Messenge's death in action.... Dicky was a well-known KES character, full of life and fun, and ever ready to take the rough with the smooth, in fact, a real schoolboy. To his sorrowing mother and family we tender our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.