



William Bowman STANFIELD

Lieutenant. 1st Bn. Northampton Regiment

At KES:

William had no father and came from Rotherhithe to KES in 1899. His occupation was Carpenter and was described as "very good". In 1905, instead of leaving KES, he became a student teacher. The obituary below gives a full account of William's life.

Date of Death: 27th September 1915

Place: France

Buried: Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery, Calais

William died of wounds received. There is some confusion as to the date of his death; some sources suggesting it was on 26th September.

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Stanfield was with us for nearly nine years, first as a scholar then as a Student Teacher, leaving us then for a post at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol, where he laid the foundation for a brilliant career and where he was held in the greatest esteem by all who knew him. "Doggie" as he was called by his school fellows, was an all-round sportsman, representing the School for many years in cricket and football teams. He was a member of the "special class" in the gymnasium, an excellent cross-country runner, and one of our senior monitors.

When a student teacher he proved himself very popular both with the boys and his colleagues. He held a Commission in the 3rd Northants Regt., but on proceeding to France was attached to the 1st Bn. and took part in the last great advance. One of his brother officers writes "We both went through that awful charge together, and he was fearless through it all, doing his bit to the utmost."

"Bowman" was a lad with a heart of gold, fearless for the right, and generous to a fault; and to those of us who had the privilege of knowing him intimately, he leaves behind him treasured memories of many happy days. We mourn the loss, and to his mother on the death of her only son, and to his sister, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.