



### **Sydney Crouch**

Rank: Driver

Service No.: T/14696052

Regiment: Royal Army Service Corps

Attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps

Residence: Mount Farm, Elham

#### Before Service:

1939 Register shows Sydney's parents were living at Mount Farm, Elham. Sydney's father was Arthur Frederick Crouch born 20/8/1891 a mixed farmer. His mother was Emma (born 11/?/1895) working as "Unpaid Domestic Duties". It looks as though Sydney's entry in the register has been redacted. Sydney's father was born at Maidenhead, where we presume his mother had gone to some sort of facility for unmarried mothers. Arthur Frederick Crouch's father was Frederick "Tommy" Palmer, hence his second name. In 1901 he was living with his Crouch grandparents in one of the cottages on the site of Prospect Terrace. He was a few years older than his cousin William Frederick Vincett along the road at Ann's Cottage. Hence the irony that on the Elham War Memorial Sydney Crouch's name appears below that of his uncle, W F Vincett.

#### During Service:

Died: Saturday, 13th October 1945. Aged 20

Commemorative Information Cemetery: BRUSSELS TOWN CEMETERY, Evere, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium.

Grave Reference/ Panel Number: X. 28. 30.

#### Location:

Brussels Town Cemetery is located in the north east corner of Brussels in the district of Evere.

#### Historical Information:

The majority of the casualties in the Brussels Town Cemetery died on Line of Communications (L. of C.) duties after the liberation of Brussels at the beginning of September, 1944, but a few date from the brief period that the British Expeditionary Force spent in Belgium in May, 1940. There are now over 50, 1914-18 and over 600, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Fifty graves, from the 1914-18 War, are those of Prisoners of War whose bodies were brought back from Germany by the Canadian Corps in April, 1919. A special memorial is erected to one United Kingdom soldier from the 1914-18, buried in the cemetery, whose grave cannot now be located.