



### **Alfred Thomas Hogben**

Rank: Private

Service No.: 2610 & G18446

Regiment: (G/18446). 6th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Formerly (2610) Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (REKMR) 6th Battalion

Residence: 1. Old Cottages, The Row, Elham

#### Before Service:

In 1893 Alfred was elected to Elham Charity School as a free scholar. The 1891 Census shows Alfred living in the cottage at the site of what is now Beech Villas, High St. Elham. The 1901 Census states he is living with his parents at 1, Old Cottages, The Row and is Apprentice Blacksmith. The 1911 Census shows Alfred is single and working as a Carter at Little Shuttlesfield Farm

#### During Service:

Alfred Enlisted in Elham, 11-May-1915

His Service Record exists and shows: He was single, wounded on 20-Apr-1917 General Shrapnel Wound to Right Arm - Hospitalised 28-Apr-1917 to 6-Oct-1917, Shrapnel Wound to Right Arm - Hospitalised 17-Oct-1917 to 7-Jan-1918 12-Mar-1918, 19-Mar-1918 Shrapnel Wound to Face & Right Eye.

#### Killed In Action

Date of Death: Saturday 24-Aug-1918

Age: 33

No known grave. Commemorated on Elham War Memorial & Vis-En-Artois Memorial

#### Family Story:

Alfred was the son of Edward & Mary Ann Hogben, 1. Old Cottages, The Row, Elham. Edward was born in Elham and was an indoor farm Servant, he died in Elham in 1931. Mary (Mary Ann nee Burvill) was born in Lydden and died in Elham in 1958, she was Elham's oldest resident when she died aged 97 (still at 1 Old Cottages)

Edward and Mary had another son Edward, born in Wootton in 1887, he too went to Elham Charity School, joining Alfred in 1895. Edward worked at a Stud Farm and he enlisted in Folkestone on 5-Feb-1916 and went into service in February 1916 with the Royal Artillery (Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery) joining the expeditionary forces in France. He spent 1 year and 101 days in France and was transferred back to the reserves on 16-Sept-1919. On demob he was living at 1, Old Cottages, The Row, Elham and is shown as having a disability, the degree of which is less than 20%.