

## HOLDER R.G.W

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Ashford War Memorial



Christchurch South Ashford



Reginald's Grave is now covered in dense undergrowth

**Private G/2642 Reginald George William HOLDER. Ashford (Territorial) Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> (Home Counties) Field Ambulance. Royal Army Medical Corps. (RAMC).** Died of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (T.B) 1<sup>st</sup> January 1918. Died at 74, Beaver Road, Ashford aged 20 years. Born Ashford. Son of George Thomas and Lily R Holder of 72 Beaver Road, Ashford, Kent. Buried 24<sup>th</sup> January 1918 at the old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford. Grave reference 3533.

As well as the Ashford Town civic war memorial, Reginald's name appears on the Christchurch war memorial plaque hanging inside the parish church in South Ashford.

Reginald's death certificate reference is – West Ashford/ASH29/253. His death certificate lists his occupation as a RAMC pensioner.

Before the outbreak of war Reginald was working in Ashford as a Drapers Apprentice at Lewis and Hylands at 5, New Rents, Ashford. Reginald enlisted directly into the territorial force RAMC at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1914 (4 months before the outbreak of war). On the outbreak of war his unit was mobilised and went to France. His service records show that he was discharged from the army on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1915 at Ashford no longer fit for war service. His Commanding Officer wrote that Reginald was a hardworking, honest and industrious soldier.

Reginald was evacuated from France on the Hospital Ship “Anglia” on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1915. He was taken to Frimley Sanatorium in Surrey to recuperate.

The 1901 census gives –

72, Beaver Road, Ashford

George	HOLDER	35	Boilermaker	Ashford
Lily R		31		Ashford
<b>Reginald</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>Ashford</b>
Harry		2		Ashford

**Reginald's Service Record states categorically that Reginald was invalided from the army suffering from T.B AGGRAVATED by his war service. He later died of the SAME disease.** His death is attributable.