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Ashford War Memorial



Centrepiece Church Plaque



Norton Knatchbull War Memorial



Alfred's Grave

Bombardier L/31913 Alfred Leslie INGALL. 179th (Deptford) Battery, 81st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (RFA). Died Cancer of the stomach 19th June 1917 aged 40 years. Died at 42 High Street, Ashford. Resided (1915) at 27, Ladywell Park, London. Son of Joseph and Julia Ingall of 42, High Street, Ashford, Kent. Buried - 22nd June 1917 in the Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent. Grave reference 1019.

Death Certificate reference – West Ashford/ASH29/170.

Both Alfred's parents are buried in the same grave plot. The grave has gradually fallen apart and Alfred's name can now hardly be read. Neil Clark would very much like this man's grave to be renovated.

Alfred's name also appears on The Centrepiece war memorial plaque, Bank Street, Ashford. He obviously attended that church before the outbreak of war. Interestingly his name appears on the memorial as – LESLIE ALFRED INGALL not Alfred Leslie Ingall. Alfred's name also appears on the Norton Knatchbull Grammar School Roll of Honour. He attended that school from 1888 to 1892.

Before the outbreak of war Alfred was employed as a Grocer's Assistant in Ashford. He enlisted at Deptford in South London on 7th June 1915 aged 37 years.

The WW1 medal rolls show that Alfred did serve overseas on active service and that he was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The 1881 Census gives –

42 High Street, Ashford

Joseph INGALL	Sheffield, Yorkshire 1837
Julia	London 1832
Joseph M	1868 Ashford
Frank E	1870 Ashford
Percy A	1871 Ashford
Sidney H	1873 Ashford
Alfred L	1877 Ashford

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission does not record Alfred's death. He was discharged on medical grounds (Invalided) from the army on the 15th May 1917 when it was found that he had cancer of the stomach. **After being invalided from the service Alfred died of the SAME disease only 1 month later. He contracted the disease whilst a serving soldier!**