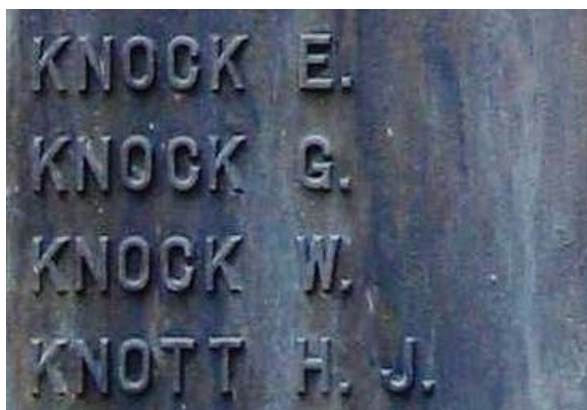


KNOCK W



Private 10619 William KNOCK. 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died 9th October 1917. Born Ashford. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Ashford. Son of Henry Knock of 62 Albert Road, Ashford, Kent. Formerly (1913) 2 Barrow Hill Terrace, Ashford, Kent. Formerly (1881) 35 New Street, Ashford, Kent. Grandson of Edwin Knock of Detroit Michigan USA. William has no known grave. His name should **soon appear (belatedly)** on the Tyne Cot Memorial (Addenda Panel), Zonnebeke, Belgium. Panel reference – Adenda Panel.

William's death was not recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a casualty of the war. This was very surprising bearing in mind that poor William was actually KILLED IN ACTION! On 15th April 2005 the Commonwealth War Graves Commission finally agreed (after a tardy investigation) to add William's name to their death indexes.

The Knock family were builders and traded for many years in the town

Had it not been for the intervention of Kyle Tallett the Willesborough author and Military Historian, William's name would NEVER have been added to the death indexes. Had the CWGC have carried out an extensive search of Soldiers Died then this error might have been identified years ago. One wonders how many other men there are whose names appear on Soldiers Died Great War but who have no official commemoration...

The Ashford 1881 Census gives –

35, New Street, Ashford

Jane	KNOCK	Margate 1825 (Grandmother)	
Edwin James	KNOCK	(Carpenter)	Ashford 1867 (Father of William)
Henry		Ashford 1850	
Emma		Ashford 1848	
Barbara		Ashford 1876	
Harry		Ashford 1877	
Edith A		Ashford 1880	
Emma Jane		Ashford 1878	
Charlotte			

In 1891 William was living with his brother Edgar in the Ashford Work House! They are listed on records as Pauper Inmates aged 2 and 5 respectively. No parents listed.

The 4th Worcestershire Regiment was a regular army unit attached to the 29th Division. On the outbreak of war the 29th Division was at Meiktila, Burma. It returned to the UK 1st February 1915 (88th Brigade, 29th Division). It moved to Egypt on 25th February 1915. Landed Gallipoli,

Turkey 25th April 1915. Returned to Egypt 14th January 1916. Landed France 20th March 1916 where it remained for the remaining duration of the war.

The Ashford war memorial contains the names of 2 other KNOCK's both of whom are William's brothers -

KNOCK E (brother)

Private 20494 Edwin (Edgar) KNOCK. 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment). Died Langmerc Wood Thursday 22nd April 1915 aged 31 years. Born 18th January 1884 at Ashford. Son of Henry Knock of 62 Albert Road, Ashford, Kent. Formerly (1913) 2 Barrow Hill Terrace, Ashford, Kent. Formerly (1881) 35 New Street, Ashford, Kent. Grandson of Edwin Knock of Detroit Michigan USA. Edgar has no known grave. His name appears on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Panel reference - 24,28,30.

Edgar's Canadian service papers record his next of kin as being – Henry Knock of Abbot (Albert) Road, Ashford, Kent. It states that Edgar was a Carpenter by trade. He enlisted 23rd September 1914 in Canada.

There is a private family tribute to Edwin in the Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford:

Henry	KNOCK	Born 19 th April 1849	Died 12 th January 1924
Harriet Emma			Died 26 th January 1868 aged 39 years
Edgar			Killed in Action 22nd April 1915

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The 1881 Ashford Census gives –

35, New Street, Ashford

Jane	KNOCK		Margate 1825 (Grandmother)
Edwin James		Carpenter	Ashford 1867 (Grandfather)
Henry			Ashford 1850 (Edwin's father)
Emma			Ashford 1848
Barbara			Ashford 1876
Harry			Ashford 1877
Edith A			Ashford 1880
Emma Jane			Ashford 1878
Charlotte			Wye 1853

In 1891 Edgar was living with his brother William in the Ashford Work House! They are listed on records as Pauper Inmates aged 2 and 5 respectively. No parents listed.

Edgar was killed in Langmerc Wood, Belgium by a snipers bullet.

KNOCK G (brother)

St Mary's

Private 10618 George KNOCK MM. 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died Friday 30th November 1917 aged 29 years. Born Ashford. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Ashford. Son of Henry Knock of 62 Albert Road, Ashford, Kent. Formerly (1913) 2 Barrow Hill Terrace, Ashford, Kent. Formerly (1881) 35 New Street, Ashford, Kent. Grandson of Edwin Knock of Detroit Michigan USA. residing 35 New Street, Ashford, Kent. Husband of Winifred Mary Knock of 36 Queens Street, Ashford, Kent. George has no known grave. His name appears on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Panel reference 6.

George was awarded the Military Medal (MM) for bravery in the field. Note the similar regimental number of William Knock (10619).

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35, New Street, Ashford

Jane	KNOCK		Margate 1825 (Grandmother)
Edwin James		Carpenter	Ashford 1867 (Father of George)
Henry			Ashford 1850
Emma			Ashford 1848
Barbara			Ashford 1876
Harry			Ashford 1877
Edith A			Ashford 1880
Emma Jane			Ashford 1878
Charlotte			

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George was killed during the Battle of Cambrai which started on 20th November 1917. On the day that George died the Germans were attacking in force near to Bournon Wood South of Cambrai.