

13.ROSSITER E

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Ashford War Memorial

leid. W.	Apprentice	5 th Buff
Levell. J. C.	Labourer	5 th Buff
Rhodes. G. H.	Apprentice	5 th Buffs
Rich. C.	Painter	K. F. R. E.
Rich. J.	Labourer	Naval Reser
Riddles. E.	Blkng Asst.	Buff
Rossiter. E.	Labourer	R. F. A.
Roussel. H.	Painter	H. C. F. A.
Ruck. S.	Apprentice	H. C. F. A.
Rushton. F. C.	Fitter	K. F. R. E.
Russell. H. J.	Elec. Examr	Naval Reser
Russell. M.	Wheel mkr	1 st Dragoonsgd
Rutherford. H.	Turner	A. S. C.
Satow. F. R.	Machinist	5 th Buff

Railway Rolls (Served)

Driver 59170 Edward ROSSITER. No 2 Section, 29th Division Ammunition Column. Royal Field Artillery (RFA). Formerly 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 1st November 1920 aged 32 years of Pulmonary Tuberculosis at 58 Gravel Walk, Ashford. Born Ashford 1890. Son of Thomas and Ruth Rossiter of 4, Bates Passage, Ashford, Kent. Formerly residing 4 Gravel Walk, Ashford, Kent. Husband of Emma Susannah Rossiter (nee Bingham) of 58, Gravel Walk, Ashford, Kent. Buried 4th November 1920 at the Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford. Grave reference 6967 (unmarked).

Death Certificate reference – West Ashford/ASH30/329.

Edward's name also appears on the Ashford Railway Works (SE&CR) Rolls of honour. Before the outbreak of war he worked in the rail yards as a labourer.

Edward enlisted into the RFA on 2nd January 1915. Edward embarked at Avonmouth on 21st March 1915 for Egypt. On 14th May 1915 Edward was admitted into the 17th General Hospital in Alexandria suffering from Tonsillitis. On 2nd July 1915 Edward was fined for assaulting a native of Egypt. On the 18th July 1915 he was admitted into Abbasia D.B.I hospital in Alexandria having contracted T.B on active service. On the 14th August 1915 Edward was evacuated to England on the Hospital Ship "Wandilla".

The Ashford 1918 absentee voters list shows that Edward was still overseas on active service in January 1918.

The 1901 Census gives –

4, Gravel Walk, Ashford

Thomas	ROSSITER	Dover
Ruth		Stelling Minnis
Elvine		Lenham
Peggy		Canterbury
Mary		
Ambrose		Ashford
Edward		Ashford

It is thought that the Rossiter family were gipsy's. The 1901 census provides information that there were many Rossiter families living in Gravel Walk. The other traveller families living there were the Penfolds and the Ransley's.

The 29th Division consisted 86th, 87th and 88th Brigades. It served extensively in the Gallipoli and Egypt theatres before moving to France.

Edward contracted T.B whilst serving in the army. He died of the SAME disease after being invalided. His death was attributable.



Edward's Sad unmarked Grave