

KEBLE GROUNDS

Birth:-8.4.1895

He was the son of Frederick Collier Grounds (a Rate Collector) and Bessie Mary Grounds of 8 Wantage Road, Lee and later of 338, High Rd, Lee.

Frederick went to school at Colfe's. He gained a Leathersellers Company Scholarship which allowed him to go to their Technical College in Bermondsey. He passed his Guild Examinations for the various diplomas in leather Tanning, Dressing and Dyeing with first class honours and was awarded the Leathersellers Company Diploma. Whilst he was serving on the front he received a letter from the school Archivist Leland Duncan which is printed below :-

"My dear Grounds.

Here is 28th of the Mag. which I hope will interest you in your exile.

You have paid for it . Thanks.

I hear the Governos propose to gice you fellows the freedom of the Company if you pass out finally, so we shall see some of you coming down to give away the Prizes some day as "Worshipful Master."

I hope so I 'm sure.

With all good wishes

Yours very sincerely. Leland L Duncan"

Frederick, his father, became a Lay Clerk to St Margaret's Church in April 1913 which was rededicated on Easter Eve 1914.

His father was still attending St Margaret's Services in 1944

Second Lieutenant, GROUNDS, KEBLE. On 2.9.1914 he joined up as a Private in the Public Schools Corps. Then the 4th Bn. attd. 2nd Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment).

Died 15/09/1916, Aged 21. THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

[Pier and Face 10 C 10 D and 11 A] (France).

War Service:

Second Lieutenant KEBLE GROUNDS of 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters was also serving with the 4th Battalion and as Bombing Officer for the 2nd. On 15 September 2/Sherwood Foresters were in support of 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment in an attack on the German position

near Ginchy known as the Quadrilateral Redoubt. 2/Lt Grounds was killed as the battalion were moving forward to their start line.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme. [Pier and Face 10 C 10 D and 11 A] (France)



Location of Memorial:

He is also commemorated on the Memorial at St Margaret's Church, Lee and the Colfe's Memorial.