

WALTER TRESHAM RUSSELL

Birth: -1895

He was the son of Walter Albert Ernest Russell (a Manager) and Frances Eleanor Tresham, originally of Northampton

They lived at 95 High Road, Lee.

He went to Colfe's Grammer School, Lewisham.

The family were very involved with St Margaret's Church.

Walter's father, also called Walter, became a Sidesman and Server for the Church in April 1913 and was re-elected in 1916. He was Churchwarden from 1920-1922. In 1923 he was the Chair of the committee to raise money for the Church repairs.

Walter (senior) was one of the two people who unveiled the WWI War memorial. Mr Dewes was the other, and they both had their son's names on the Memorial.

Walter(son) was a choir boy, an honorary (junior) bell ringer, a sacristan, and a devout worshipper at St Margaret's.

Lance Corporal, RUSSEL, WALTER TRESHAM, 2nd/8th Bn. London Regiment (Post Office Rifles). (Service Number 372433.)

Died 28/08/1918 Aged 22..

He is buried in DAOURS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION [VII. B. 31] (France).

RUSSELL, WALTER TRESHAM, L.-Corpl., 8th Battn (Post Office Rifles) The London Regt. (T.F.), only s. of Walter Albert Ernest Russell, of 95, High Road, Lee, S.E., by his wife, Frances Eleanor, dau. of Edward Tresham, of Northampton; b. Lee aforesaid, 2 Oct. 1895; educ. there, and Colfe Grammar School, Lewisham, S.E.; joined the London Regt. in Jan. 1916; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from Jan. 1917, and died at Combie 28 Aug. 1918, from wounds received in action in the Albert sector the same day. Buried in the Military Cemetery, Daours, France; *unm.*

War Service

The Post office and the Army were well established together by 1867. Their bravery, tenacity and character during severe circumstances are well documented. Russell will have been in France right at the end of the war. He died of his wounds in Combie, France

Memorials

He is commemorated in St Margaret's Memorial and the Bell Ringers memorial in St Margaret's Tower :-

*"Bryan Osmond Dewes & Walter Tresham Russell
1914 – 1918"
provided by their fellow ringers.*

