

JOHN ALBERT GORDON SMYTH

Birth: 1885

He was the son of the Reverend Henry and Mrs Armstrong Smyth of 16 Clarendon Rise, Lewisham. He was originally from Leicester.

Henry was the Chaplain for Lewisham Hospital and he helped with services at St Margaret's and the Boone Chapel.

John went to the Blackheath Proprietary School.

In the 1911 census John was living at 9 Brandram Rd and was a bank clerk.

Second Lieutenant SMYTH, JOHN ALBERT GORDON. 5th Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) Died at 29/06.1918 Aged 33. He is buried in MELVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETRY EXTENSION [i.f.57]

War Service

John had enlisted as a corporal in the Royal Fusiliers and Training Reserve Battalion (72189 and B23589)

Now he was in charge of a Machine Gun as the British, French and American troupes tried to regain a large part of the Somme from which they had been driven two years before. The arrival of the American's had made a big difference to the strength of the Army as most of the Allied soldiers were reaching exhaustion.

Memorial

He is commemorated on the Memorial of St Margaret Church, Lee

Dates:1885 - 1918