

HAROLD STEPHEN TOVEY

Birth: 1898

Son of Frank W. and Kate Tovey, of 10, Murillo Rd., Lee, London
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Frank was in St Margaret's choir, and was a conductor and a bell-ringer and he became Assistant Organist. Together with his friend Augustus Seymour, he was a Deputy Church Warden at St Margaret's from 1917 to 1957. In 1913 he was a joint leader of the Church Reading Society and in 1923 he was the secretary of the Committee to raise money for the repairs of the Church.

Harold was educated at Ennerdale and then Colfe's Grammar School. He became a chorister at St Margaret's in February 1913.

**Rifleman, TOVEY, HAROLD STEPHEN, 2nd/5th Bn. London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade. (Service Number 302917.)
Died 20/09/1917, Aged 19. YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL [Panel 52 and 54] (Belgium).**

War Service:

Harold joined up on the 19th May 1916. He served in Flanders and in his last letter home he was acting as a runner.

Harold Stephen Tovey died 20 September 1917 aged 19. He was at Kerselare, near Ypres on the opening day of the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge.

Memorials:

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial [panel 52 and 54] (Belgium) with other soldiers with unknown graves from the Battle of Ypres. He is also remembered on the memorial at St Margaret's, Lee WW1 War Memorial

Dates: 1898 - 1917

