



APPLETON, RICHARD WALTER

Private The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) 6th Battalion.

Age: 19

Date of Death: 08/10/1918

Service No: 25904

Additional information: Son of Ernest and Rose Appleton, of Crouchmans Farm, Shoeburyness, Essex. Native of Great Wakering, Essex. He was born Tolleshunt D'Arcy, enlisted at Chelmsford and was a resident of Southchurch.

"The 6th (Service) Battalion was formed at Canterbury in August 1914 as part of K1 and attached to 37th Brigade, 12th (Eastern) Division. The Division was involved in the Final Advance in Artois On the night 6-7 October, the Division relieved 20th (Light) Division in Third Army, taking over the front sector between Oppy and Eleu dit Leauvette. It became apparent that the enemy was in the process of withdrawing from this area, leaving only stubborn outposts. Patrols pushed out and a general advance began through Drocourt, Mericourt and Billy-Montigny (east of Lens), in which the strong Drocourt-Queant Line was occupied by the Division. The advance had now assumed the characteristics of open warfare: the trenches were of the past and this battle became one of pursuit, communications and logistics. The advance pushed on through Courcelles, Henin-Lietard, past the Canal de la Haute Deule. By 23 October, the Division was crossing the River Scarpe at St Amand and four days later were at the Scheldt Canal. The Division was withdrawn for rest on 30 October and as events turned out, had finished its war." reference <http://www.1914-1918.net/12div.htm>

He was killed in Action at this time



1914-20 War Medal & 1914-1919 Victory Medal

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
APPLETON	E. Kew. R	Pte	9/25904
R.W.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	E/2/1023/10/16/3		
BRITISH	40		
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

K. 1380



Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead
 Grave/Memorial Reference: VII. A. 8. Cemetery:
 SUCRERIE CEMETERY, ABLAIN-ST.
 NAZAIRE

The village and the neighbourhood of Ablain-St. Nazaire were the scene of very severe fighting between the French and the Germans in May and June, 1915. Sucrerie Cemetery is named from a sugar factory, which was destroyed in the War and has been replaced by a farm. It was begun in April, 1917, next to a French Military Cemetery, now removed, of 1,900 graves, and it was used until October, 1918. It was called at one time

Saskatchewan Cemetery, and, in accordance with the Canadian practice, it was numbered C.D. 43. The village was later "adopted" by the Urban District of Teddington. There are now nearly 400, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area (without the footpath leading to it) of 1,918 square metres and is enclosed by a low brick wall. No. of Identified Casualties: 381



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