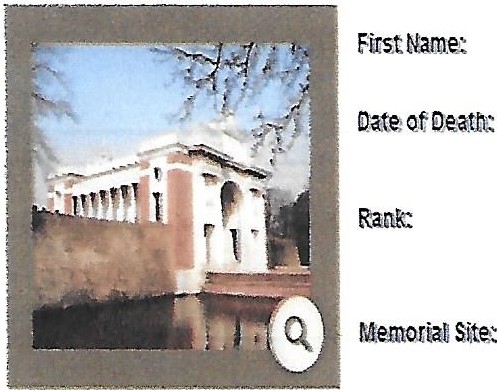
**Richard Phayre Eric Grenville 1896-1915 (Elizabeth's great uncle)**





RPE served as Sapper No. 856 (possibly 858 ) in the First London Field Company, Royal Engineers. He was killed in the Great War on 9 Aug 1915 at Hooge. The story went that he was shot in the head by a German Officer. A telegram was sent to RPE's father Richard informing him of RPE's death. We know that the telegram was passed on to Harold Ernest Grenville, but it did not survive to be passed

on. Richard's comrades said that they buried him in Sanctuary Wood, Flanders , but he was never found. His name is inscribed on panel 9 of the Menin Gate in Ypres Belgium along with the names of 54,000 other personnel for whom there are no known graves.

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Menin Gate Ypres.

# Royal Engineers

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At the end of July1915 the Germans had attacked the British Line at Hooge in the Ypres salient using liquid fire or

flame throwers and had captured part of the British Line as well as the large mine crater there. The British were

determined to regain control of these positions and their chance came early in August 1915 when 18 and 16 Brigade

of 6th Division launched an attack with the objective of doing just this. In the early hours of 9th June 1915 after a short

sharp artillery bombardment the attack went in. 18 Bde attacked from the south with 2nd Durham Light Infantry and

2nd Sherwood Foresters in front and 1st East Yorkshire in support. 16th London and 1st West Yorkshire were in reserve

16 Brigade attacked from the south-west, 1st Shropshire Light Infantry and 2nd York and Lancaster charged in side by

Side with 1st East Kent (Buffs) in support. For once the attack was a complete success. The German trenches were

soon taken and the two Brigades joined up in the crater. The whole 700 yards of the front lost a week earlier was

regained and the Germans suffered heavy casualties as well as 130 men taken prisoner. The new positions were

quickly consolidated and a German counter attack repulsed, but there were a number of casualties among the 1st.

London Field Company of the Royal Engineers whilst they were rewiring.

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