

EDGAR RUST

Bombardier, “Y” Battery, Royal Horse Artillery

Died of wounds in Egypt on 19th May 1915.

Edgar Rust was born in 1890 at the Royal Horse Artillery Barracks at Woolwich, London. His father was a shoeing smith with the Regiment. He was educated at the Duke of York’s Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea. By 1911 he too had joined the Regiment and was serving with them in India. He was buried in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery.

His connection to Ettington is by virtue of his marriage early in 1915 to Elizabeth Ann Nason. She was the only daughter of Thomas and Emma Nason of Elm Terrace (The Square), Ettington.

Edgar must have re-joined his Regiment shortly after the marriage and died not long afterwards.

Towards the end of 1915 Elizabeth gave birth to their daughter Edwina. Elizabeth had 4 brothers. One was too young for military service but we know that at least two of the others were among the first to volunteer from Ettington following the outbreak of war. Her older brother Thomas Randall Nason lost his life and is commemorated on the village War Memorial.

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