

Military history

Enlisted Market Harborough 25/10/15

Royal Garrison Artillery

263 siege battery

Final rank Gunner

Date of death 10/06/1918

Cause of death Killed in action

Died aged 26

Grave IV.G.754

Meteren Military Cemetery Nord, France



Born 1892 Died aged 26 Address 19 Caxton Street Market Harborough Third child of 12 children of Thomas and Sarah Stafford.

He was engaged to Miss C Plowright of Great Bowden and worked for Symingtons as a cutter.

His parents received the following from a chaplain, who says in a letter to his mother: "Your son was at the battery position last night when a shell exploded by him and he was killed instantly. I took the funeral today. We laid the body side by side with a comrade. You will be thankful your son was spared from all suffering and you may rest assured that he bravely gave himself in his country's service. Let us hope and pray that our country may prove herself worthy of all the noble lives which has been spent for her."



Geoffrey's niece is a member of our church