

# EDGAR SPRINGETT

1885 -1915

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)



**Surname/Christian name:** Springett, Edgar

**Rank/No:** Private L/6490

**Regiment/Unit:** 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)



**Date of Death:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 1915 **Age:** 30

**Type of Casualty:** Killed in action

**Theatre of War:** The 1st Btn. RWK's were mobilised on 15th August 1914 and embarked for Le Havre, Northern France. Pte Springett's medal record card states that he entered the theatre of war on the 30th August 1914.

**Born/Year/Location:** Born 1885 in Horsmonden, Kent.

**Enlisted/Attestation:** He enlisted in 1914 and was placed in the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, Private L/6490 (source citation needed)

**Son of/Address:** Stephen Springett of Horsmonden and Barbara Ellen Barden of Ticehurst, Sussex.

**Husband of/Address:** Married Maud Newing 29<sup>th</sup> October 1910 at St Margaret's Church, Horsmonden, they moved in with Edgar's parents at Cockhouse in Horsmonden, Kent

**Siblings:** The census of 1911 states that Edgar was one of 12 children born to Stephen and Barbara, sadly, nine of these children had died before the 1911 census was taken on the 2nd April. Their three remaining children were Edgar and older brothers Harry and John.

**Prior Occupation:** After leaving school Edgar worked as a bricklayer's labourer for his father



**Wedding Photo of Edgar and Maud**

Edgar's brothers Harry, John, Maud and Edgar, Edgar's Grandmother and his parents Stephen and Barbara

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1910. Marriage solemnized at <u>Horsmonden</u> , in the <u>Church</u> of <u>S. Margaret</u> , in the County of <u>Kent</u>							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname. Rank or Profession of Father.
162	October 29 <sup>th</sup> 1910	Edgar Springett	26	Bachelor	Labourer	Horsmonden	Stephen Springett Bricklayer
		Maud Newing	23	Single	—	Horsmonden	Herbert Newing Waggoner

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, by \_\_\_\_\_ or after Banns  
 By me, H.C. Smith-Marrill  
Assistant Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Edgar Springett } In the presence of us, { John Springett  
Maud Newing } { Ros Springett

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true extract from the Marriage Register of the Parish of Horsmonden aforesaid, made this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and ten  
 By me: H.C. Smith-Marrill

**Marriage Certificate of Edgar and Maud**

**Edgar's Wife, Maud July 1927**



**Penhall Cottage 1914 where Edgar and Maud lived.**

Postcard sent from Edgar as he sailed to France from Southampton Aug 31 1914



John Adams, Publisher, Southampton.

Mrs Springett  
 Penhall Cottage  
 Horsmonden  
 Kent

Dear Ma  
 Just a few Lines to say aboard Cawdor Castle tonight for France with the best of luck  
 hoping you and little ones' alright love Edgar. Aug 31 1914

Letter sent from Edgar to his wife Maud 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1915  
Just 16 days before he fell on Hill 60

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915  
Dear Maud just a few lines hoping  
you & the little ones are in the best  
of health as it lives me the same.  
I to let you know I got that photo  
and I was very pleased to  
see them looking so well and  
I had to laugh when I saw  
the baby foot turn up.  
I shall be very pleased to get  
back with them I don't think

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at Paddock Wood. Now Dear Maud  
you know poor J. Waghorn what  
I use to unload the coal for  
is in barmin health & my  
mate what on the photo is  
Killick. Now Dear it must not  
get to you in the letter when  
you write you don't fill the  
address just get Battalion  
& Co Company or they go all  
over the place but I hope the  
time will soon come to get  
home for Ben & Puddal.

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it will be much longer now  
the weather as got a bit warmer  
Now Dear they did talk of  
us coming home for a day or  
two but the leaf has all got  
stopped so I shall have to wait  
till the time come for good  
they must be getting a bit  
feed up by this time I must  
think you've got a boss from  
Phony of tobacco he said  
they was all going on alright

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So must bless with much love  
from your overloving  
Yours E. S. xxxxxxxx  
give the little ones a big  
& I don't think little Racy  
will have to wait many  
more weeks to meet up  
as the time will soon  
roll by.  
Give my love to Mrs Fwort  
& Mrs Collins and all the  
Yours-monder that asks.

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Transcription of Edgar's letter

Dear Maud

Just a few lines hoping you and the little ones are in the best of health as it leaves me the same and to let you know I got the photo and it is very good of you and the little ones.

I was very pleased to see them looking so well and I had to laugh when I saw the baby foot turn up. I shall be very pleased to get back with them I don't think at Paddock Wood.

Now dear Maud you know poor G Waghorn what I used to unload the coal for is in Barming Heath and my mate on the photo is killed.

Now dear I must not put too much in the letter. When you write you don't fill the address, put 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion – C Company or they go all over the place, But I hope the time will soon come to get home for Beno & Rubbuls, it won't be much longer now the weather has got a bit warmer.

Now dear they did talk of us coming home for a day or two but the leave has all got stopped so I shall have to wait till the time comes for good they must be getting a bit fed up by this time.

I must tell you I got a box from Shaney, of tobacco and he said they were all going on alright so must close with much love from your ever-loving husband E Sxxxxxxx, give the little ones a big x and I don't think Rosy will have to wait many more weeks so cheer up as this time will soon roll by.

Give my love to Mrs Twort and Mrs Collins and all at Horsmonden that asks.

Part of a photograph sent home



Edgar (left) and comrade name unknown but thought to be Edgar's friend, G Waghorn, referred to in his letter to Maud.



Family photo of Edgar

**Buried/Commemorated/Memorial:** Oosttaverne Wood Cemetery, 8953 Heuvelland, Belgium in Plot 7, Row L, Grave No. 9

**Personal Inscription:** The personal inscription document shows Maud's name and address but no personal inscription has been added to the form

**Military Record/Service Details:** There are no service records available for Edgar and no entry for him in the volumes of "Soldiers Died in the Great War", but from his medal index card and other documents from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, coupled with his Regiments history, a clearer picture emerges.

**Other Relevant Documents:**

Medal Roll Index Card

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SPRINGETT Edgar	R.W. KENT R	Pte	4/699
Medal	Regt.	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	E/2/103 B	16	Kw A 18-4-15
BRITISH	do	do	
14 STAR	E/2/10 154		
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein	30-8-14		

### Pte Edgar Springett's Medals

Medals Received: 1914 Star, British War & Victory Medals



### Pte Springett's Medals and Dog Tag



British War Medal and 1914-1915 Star



Reverse of 1914-1915 Star



Victory Medal and Dog Tag



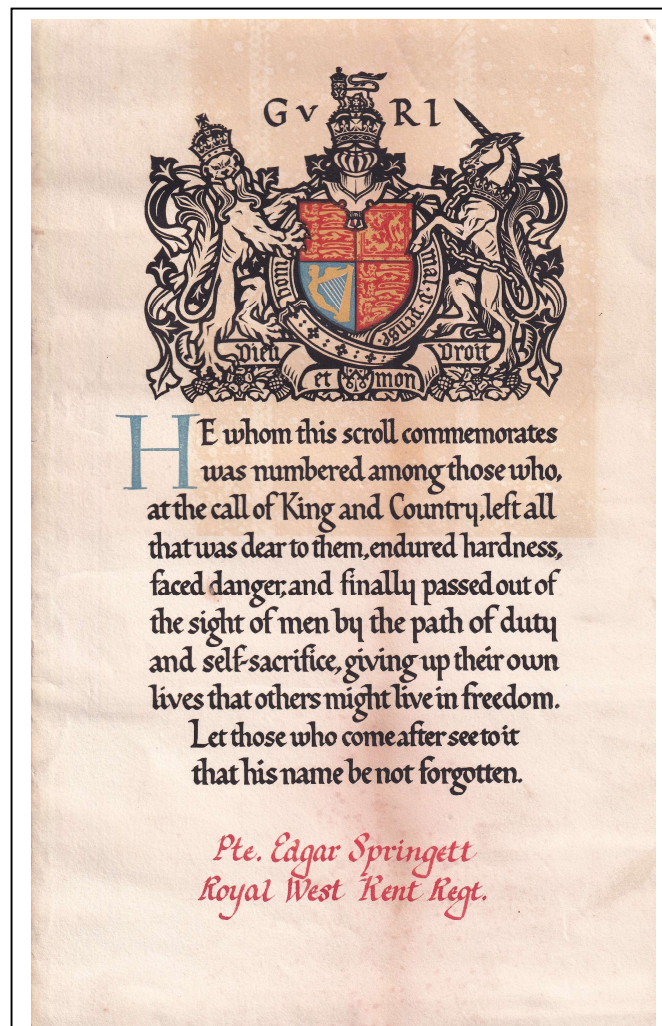


Pte Springett's Dog Tag



Memorial Plaque ( Dead Man's Penny)

### Memorial Scroll Certificate



**Other Military Notes of Interest:** During 1914 Edgar's battalion were engaged at Mons, Cateau, the battles of the Marne and the Aisne, Bassee and Messines.

Edgar was killed in the action leading up to the capture of Hill 60, a German held strategic high point South of Ypres.

Documents from the CWG state that Edgar's body was found at Hill 60 and was identified by his I.D. disc and in his possession was a two-shilling piece and one Franc.

**SOLDIERS EFFECTS**

164288 *1/10/16* *Springett Edgar* *1st. Bn 18475 Stranahan = 96 = 96* *M.O. 9/15 7-9-15/1 Wm. Maud = 96.*

*Rtd. Capt*  
*Private*  
*64490*

*A.L.W. 5090 sent*  
*25 APR 1919*

**WAR GRATUITY**  
*8/20*  
Transfer *4/157 7/15/14*  
Regd. Paper *2/11967*  
Serial No. *1457* *6c 16*

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*7.7.19 1/3* *5 - -*

**War Gratuity**

**Burial Return**

*NYTSCHAETE 47-652*

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburial).

**BURIAL RETURN.**

Name of Country of Burial: *NETHERLANDS*

No.	Sex	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was exhumed?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Home?
7	L	10	SO. I. 50. 4. 94. 25. (Hill 60)	✓	4490. Pte. E. SPRINGETT. 2nd West Yorks. 7th B. Co.	Disc. I.D. No. 1457. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457.	<i>Yes</i>
7	L	11	-50-	✓	UNKNOW BRITISH SOLDIER 2nd West Yorks.	Badge of Rank. Buttons. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457.	<i>Yes</i>
7	L	13	-50-	✓	UNKNOW BRITISH SOLDIER 2nd West Yorks.	Badge of Rank. Buttons. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457.	<i>Yes</i>
7	L	13	-50-	✓	UNKNOW BRITISH SOLDIER 2nd West Yorks.	Badge of Rank. Buttons. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457.	<i>Yes</i>
6	G	1	-50-	✓	UNKNOW BRITISH SOLDIER 2nd West Yorks.	Badge of Rank. Buttons. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457.	<i>Yes</i>
6	G	2	-50-	✓	UNKNOW BRITISH SOLDIER 2nd West Yorks.	Badge of Rank. Buttons. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457.	<i>Yes</i>
6	G	3	-50-	✓	UNKNOW BRITISH SOLDIER 2nd West Yorks.	Badge of Rank. Buttons. I.D. Disc. I.D. No. 1457.	<i>Yes</i>

ENTERED SUP CHECK *2/11/19*

**Pension Ledger Card**

Name *SPRINGETT Edgar.* Regimental No. *6490* Case No. *141.*

Regiment *Royal West Kent.* Rank *Pte.*

Form 104-88 received *18.5.15* Date of notification of death *5.5.15* Form 104-76 received *2.2.10-15*

Date and cause of death *18.4.15* *Killed in action*

Widow *Maud* Date of birth *21.5.87*

Children :-

Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
<i>Rose</i>	<i>13.9.11</i>	<i>13.9.27</i>	
<i>Frances Adelaide</i>	<i>9.7.14</i>	<i>9.7.30</i>	

Pension *18/6* a week from *1.11.15*

Date awarded *29.10.15* If refused, reason \_\_\_\_\_

Papers \_\_\_\_\_

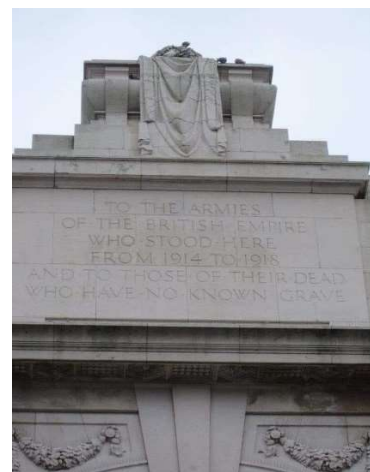
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Maud was awarded a widow's pension of 18 shillings and 6 pence a week for herself and 2 daughters which commenced from 1st November, expiring when the girls had reached the age of 16.

Photos taken by Gillian Laing, Edgar's Great Granddaughter, whilst visiting the Oosttaverne Wood Cemetery in Ypres, Belgium with her mother in April 2012.



Photos taken of the Menin Gate, Ypres



**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Entry**

CWGC CERTIFICATE

In Memory Of  
Private

**E SPRINGETT**

Service Number: L/6490

1st Bn., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) who died on 18 April 1915

Remembered with Honour  
OOSTAVERNE WOOD CEMETERY  
VI. L. 9.

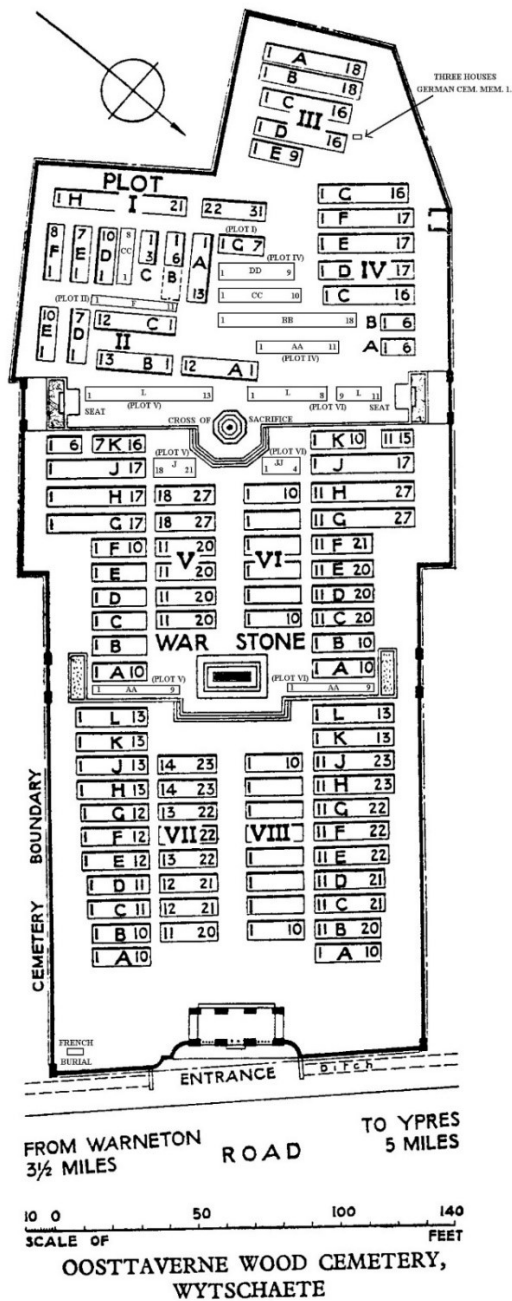


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WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

OOSTTAVERNE WOOD MILITARY CEMETRY





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