



Name **CLAUDE RAMON FORSE**

DOB October 1879

Place of birth Englefield Green, Surrey

Lived at The School House, Trentham from 1905

Occupation Headmaster of Trentham Elementary School

Family Father - Edward John & Mother - Maria Colley

Marital Status Married to Margaret Clara Burton on 27 April 1905 at the parish church Henley on Thames

Children Edward John [1907], Claude Burton [1910], Ian Richard [1915]



Enlistment Attested 22/11/1915 – Army Reserve 23/11/1915
Mobilised 11/7/1916

Service Royal Garrison Artillery - Unit - 208th Siege Battery

Reg number 102386

Rank Gunner – Promoted to Corporal 4/8/1917



Date of death 30 April 1918

Age at death 38

Place of death Flanders

Cause of death Died of wounds after being hit by a shell

Grave or Memorial Ebbingham Military Cemetery (Nord), France
Ref I.D. 30. Grave inscription, as requested by his wife, reads: **"Faithful Unto Death"**

Medals British War and Victory

Descendants Grandson and great grandson live in Trentham



Other information

- Full obituary appeared in the Weekly Sentinel for 18/5/1918
- Recommended for a Military Medal, although not conferred
- On 8 November 1918, Margaret received Claude's belongings – including: letters, photos, broken pipe, cigarette case, 2 locks of hair and 2 defaced coins. There was a bunch of keys that did not belong to him, and his watch was missing.
- Probate 10 June 1918 to widow Margaret Clara Forse. Effects: £348 13s
- Widow awarded a pension for herself and three children of 13s 11d per week from 18/11/18. She lived until she was 93.
- Medals received by widow 18/10/1921
- Cemetery form sent to widow for verification 19/10/1922

