Class 12 Ernest John Everitt

* Date of Birth: 28/05/1892
* Parents: George John Everitt and Annie Everitt
* Step brother: Joseph Prentice who also died in WWI
* Family lived in Barnes Cottages on Sandford Road
* Worked as a machinist at Hoffman’s ball-bearing factory
* Enlisted at age 22 in August 1914 into the 9th Battalion of the Essex Regiment.
* He went to the front line in July 1915 at Ploegsteert Wood in Belgium
* In October 1915 the battalion took part in the Battle of Loos
* Ernest was killed in action on the 13th October 1915 when his dug-out was struck by a heavy shell.
* Ernest has no known grave
* He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, on the Civic Centre Memorial, Chelmsford and on the Springfield Parish Memorial at All Saints’ Church.
* Ernest earned the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, and Victory Medal.

