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Private G/7644 William BROWN. 10th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly 9th Queen's. Killed in Action any day between 15th-17th August 1916 aged 26 years. Enlisted Ashford. Resided 28/30 Gravel Walk, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford 12 December 1915 (aged 25 years). Mobilised 7 January 1916. Son of Mr Alfred Brown and Alice Mary Brown of 30, Gravel Walk, Ashford, Kent. Later residing (1919) 30 New Rents, Ashford, Kent. William has no known grave. His name appears on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Plugstreet, Belgium. Panel reference 1 and 2.

Educated at the Old Council Boys School in Ashford. Prior to the outbreak of war William was employed in Ashford as a butcher. Landed France 5 May 1916. Appointed Company Barber 1916 (given a small pay rise).

His service papers give the following information –

Blood Relatives

Alfred	BROWN	37	(Father)	6 Gravel Walk, Ashford
Jimmy		14		42 Gravel Walk, Ashford
George		24		28 Gravel Walk, Ashford
Walter		29		28 Gravel Walk, Ashford
Anne	ROSSITER	44		36 Rugby Gardens, Ashford
Mary Ann	WAITE	41		37 New Rents, Ashford
Rosy	WILLIAMS	39		32 Gravel Walk, Ashford
Phoebe	PERKINS	22		10 Norwood Gardens, Ashford

Half Blood Relatives

Walter	ROSSITER	43		36 Rugby Gardens, Ashford
Bill	WAITE	40		39 New Rents, Ashford
George	WILLIAMS	39		32 Gravel Walk, Ashford
George	PERKINS	24		10 Norwood Gardens, Ashford
Nell	BROWN	43		6 Gravel Walk, Ashford
Mary	BROWN	31		42 Gravel Walk, Ashford

The Ashford Absentee Voters List for 1918 gives -

28 Gravel Walk, Ashford

Private 46606 Walter BROWN. 11th Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

There were quite a few BROWN families living in Gravel Walk in the 1900's. It was a run down working class part of Ashford. It is thought that William may have come from Gipsy stock. The records show that the Ashford gipsy community certainly did there bit...