

'B' Battery Royal Field Artillery Service No. 52871



## **Gunner EDWARD COOK**

Born in Barton Stacey in 1883.

Killed in Action in Greece, on 11th September 1916.

Aged 33.

EDWARD COOK was born in 1883 in Barton Stacey and was a farm carter. He was a son of blacksmith Albert Cook and his wife Fanny Stone. They moved from Wherwell to Fullerton in the mid-1870s before settling in Barton Stacey village around 1880, where they lived close to the Vicarage. Edward was one of eleven children. He had older siblings Elfreda Ellen, Alice Jane, Charles, William John, George, Albert, Fred, a younger sister Emily Ada and two younger brothers, Victor and Ernest. His brother Victor died in France in 1918.

He married Florence Henrietta Hebditch in 1913 and their home was at 28 Lampmead Road, Lee, London. No children are known to this marriage.

Gunner Edward Cook enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery of the 98th Brigade and was a member of 'B' battery.

The Royal Field Artillery, formed in 1899, provided artillery support for the British Army and was responsible for medium calibre guns and howitzers. It was reamalgamated with the Royal Artillery in 1924.

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He is buried in the Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Reference A.212.

## KARASOULI MILITARY CEMETERY



The cemetery, in Greece, was begun in September 1916 for the use of casualty clearing stations on the Doiran Front. At the Armistice, it contained about 500 burials but was greatly increased when graves were brought in from nearby cemeteries.