

Memorial: (WMR 88176) Halling, Kent

RIVATE

ROLAND WOOLMER

Service Number:	72986
Regiment & Unit/Ship	Royal Army Medical Corps 19th (formerly 35th) Coy
Date of Death	Died 07 May 1918 Age 22 years old
Buried or commemorated at	<u>HALLING CHURCH CEMETERY</u> United Kingdom
Country of Service	United Kingdom
Additional Info	Son of Alfred Roland Woolmer and Lily Rosetta Woolmer, of 1, Victoria Terrace, Halling.

Baptised 05-Apr-1896 St Michael & All Angels, Cuxton, Kent,

Burial 11-May-1918 St John The Baptist, Halling, Kent. Died at The Lord Denby War Hospital, Winwick.

Maidstone Telegraph - Saturday 25 May 1918

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The funeral, which was of a non-military character, took place on the following Saturday amid many manifestations of sorrow, the body being laid to rest in the New Burial Ground, Halling, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. The cortege was met at the church by the Rev. E. C. Linton (Vicar) and the surpliced choir, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack and many beautiful floral tributes. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. A. Linton (curate) presided at the organ during the singing of Psalm xxxix,

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In 1911 with parents Alfred Roland & Lily & 2 younger siblings Lilly Rosetta and Arthur Frank. Also a Boarder Arthur Albert Smith. At 1 Victoria Terrace, Lower Halling, Nr Rochester
Father a Cement Labourer at a Cement Works. Roland a Bakers Boy. Boarder is an Engine Driver at Cement Works.

Soldiers Effects:- £6.1.04 & War Gratuity £11.10 to mother Lily R
Awarded Victory & British Medals

Service Record:-

He attested 1.11.1915. RAMC

Embarked 5.9.1916 with 28 Field Ambulance

Then to No 22 CCS, then No 20 Train(?), then No 20 Gen XXX.

Returned to England 24.9.1916

25.1.1917 Aldershot 35 Company

Granted G C Badge

29.3.1918 RAMC Depot Blackpool

Then No 19 Company Chester

7.05.1918 At Warrington Became Non effective by Death

[Source South East History Boards]



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