



**PRIVATE JOSEPH DURHAM**

4<sup>th</sup> Battalion ~~ Royal Fusiliers ~~ City of London Regiment

Service number G/49625

Killed 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918 ~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Bapaume, France

HAC Cemetery / Ecoust-St. Mein, I.B.10

Born 77 Upper Harlestone, 1884

Parents: William, born Harlestone 1842 (nursery labourer)  
& Elizabeth, born Boughton 1845

Address in Brington Parish: 14 Little Brington

Married (1909) to Zilpha Annie Durham, born Piddington 1884

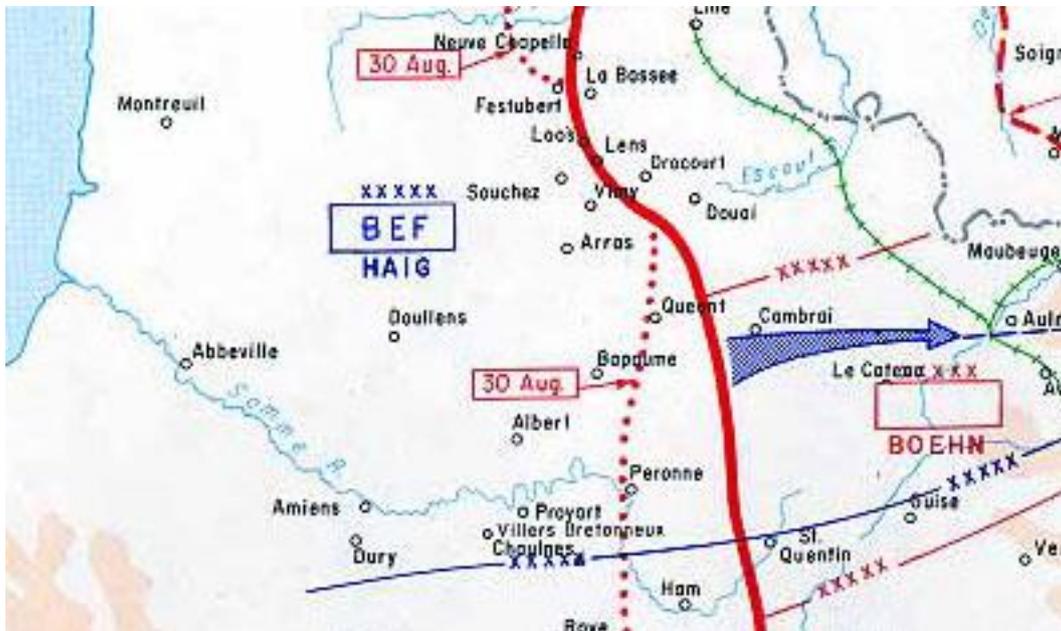
He was one of 6 children with 4 brothers & 1 sister,  
born between 1869 & 1882

Gardener on the Althorp Estate for 18 years

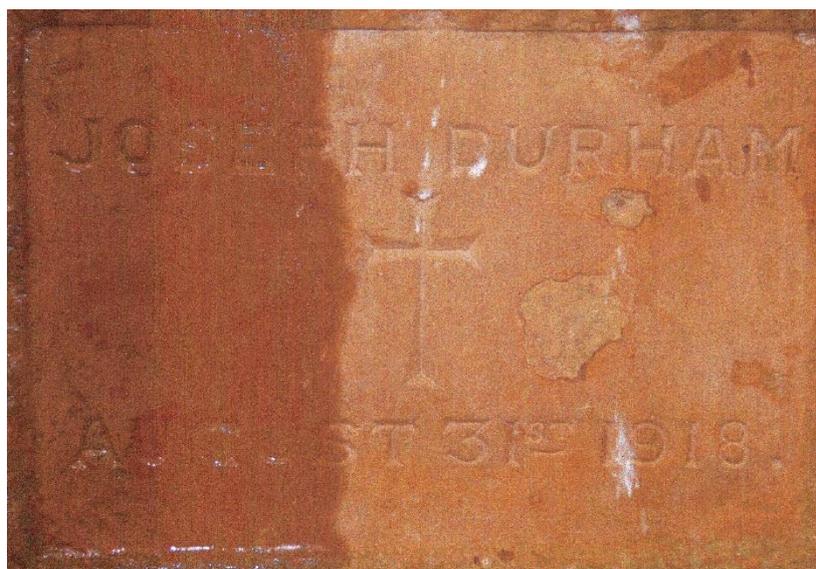
Enlisted in Long Buckby in May, 1916;  
to France September 1916; invalided home twice;  
crossed to France for the last time on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1918;  
was killed by the end of the month

Victory Medal & British War Medal

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Bapaume which was fought from 21<sup>st</sup> August until 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1918 advanced the Allied cause 20 miles and resulted in over 11,000 casualties and the taking of 8000 prisoners of war.



The Hundred Days Offensive was the final period of the First World War, during which the Allies launched a series of offensives against the Central Powers on the Western Front from 8 August to 11 November 1918, beginning with the Battle of Amiens. The offensive essentially pushed the Germans out of France, forcing them to retreat beyond the Hindenburg Line, and was followed by an armistice. The term "Hundred Days Offensive" does not refer to a specific battle or unified strategy, but rather the rapid series of Allied victories starting with the Battle of Amiens.



Memorial plaque to Joseph Durham in Althorp Park

In Memory of

Private

**J Durham**

49625, 4th Bn., Royal Fusiliers who died on 31 August 1918 Age 34

Husband of Mrs. Z. A. Durham, of 14, Little Brington, Northants.

Remembered with Honour  
**H.A.C. Cemetery, Ecoust-St. Mein**



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