

Gravesend Post Office

A memorial plaque in remembrance of nine Gravesend based staff members of the General Post Office, who died during the Great War is located at the Gravesend Delivery Office, 144/145 Milton Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2AA. In addition to those commemorated on it, the plaque is also inscribed.

This tablet is erected by the staff of the Post Office Gravesend and district as a tribute to the memory of their brave comrades who lost their lives in the Great War 1914-1919 and whose names are inscribed hereon

The Great War

1914 -1919



ROSE, NORMAN ALLAN. Sapper, 75380.

11th Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died Sunday 12 September 1915. Aged 18.

Born Higham, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Gravesend, Kent. Son of George Rose and Annie Elizabeth Rose of 40, Arthur Street, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Azmak Cemetery, Sulva, Turkey. Grave Ref: I. G. 22.

Also commemorated on the Higham, Rochester, Kent Great War parish tribute, as shown above.

At the time of the 1911 census, the Rose family resided at 1 Avondale Villas, Forge Lane, Higham, Rochester, Kent. Head of the house was 45 year old Shorne, Kent native George Rose who was a Flour Miller and an employer. Norman was appointed a Learner Postman at Gravesend in October 1913. His brother 18 year old Charles John Rose died on Monday 26 August 1918. At the time of his death, Charles was serving in the 17th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) (Empire), and is at rest at St. Hilaire Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Charles is also commemorated on the Higham, Rochester, Kent Great War parish tribute. Although these brief tributes are being posted in remembrance of the nine Gravesend based staff members of the General Post Office, who died during the Great War, it would seem somewhat remiss too at least make a fleeting reference to the Rose family home and business at Higham, Kent, which for a number of years in times past was referred to locally as Roses Mill, and was an important structure in the village on the Hoo Peninsular. Situated on Hermitage Lane, Higham Mill including Mill House, Granary and Cottage were probably built by Sir Richard Head about 1760. Now restored they have quite properly been a Grade II Listed Buildings since Friday 26 July 1983. Azmak Cemetery, Sulva, Turkey is the final resting place of an officer and four other ranks of the Royal Engineers, who lost their lives at Gallipoli in 1915, all of whom served in different companies. The officer was 25 year old Lieutenant, Gerald Edmund Bradstreet, B.A. who was the son of Sir Edward Bradstreet, 7th Baronet.