

Edward Corben Naylor

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In remembrance

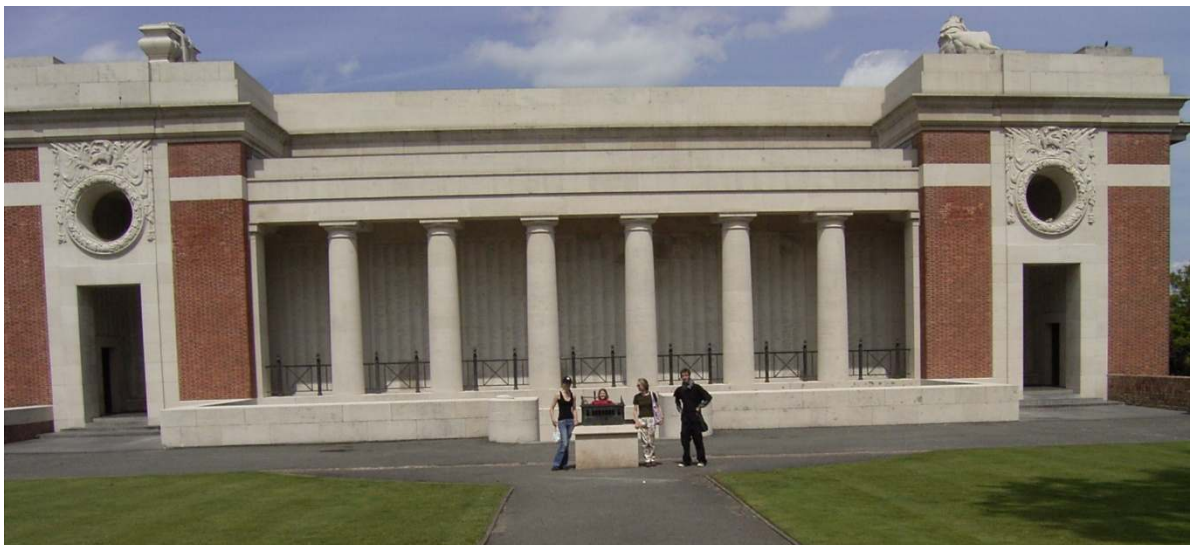
Edward Corben Naylor was killed on 10 August 1917. He was 20 years old. Edward served with "D" Coy. 7th Bn. The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). His sister Edith, ten years older, had a photo of him in a locket. Edward is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres.



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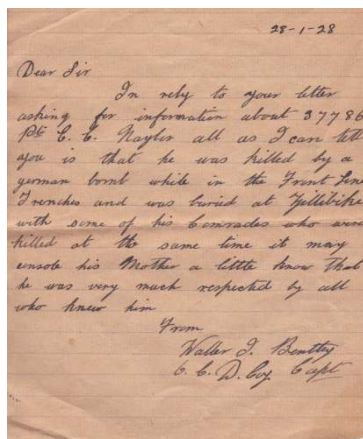


Edith Florence Naylor



Edith's granddaughter Dorothy and great grandchildren visiting the Menin Gate, Ypres 2004

Ten years on Edward's mother Elizabeth Ann Naylor still mourned her son. In an answer to an enquiry, written by Capt. Walter Bentley of D Coy. "he was killed by a German bomb while in the frontline trenches....and buried with some of his comrades who were killed at the same time". He finishes the note with "it may console his mother a little to know that he was very much respected by all who knew him". Kind words, but one wonders to how many mothers he had written something similar.

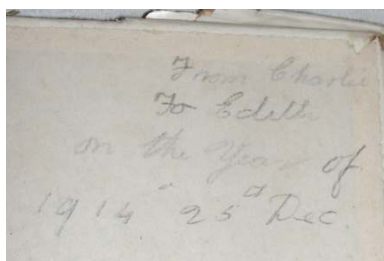


Elizabeth Ann Naylor



In March 2012 Edward Corben Naylor's death plaque was sold on ebay. The new owner of this piece of our family history, perhaps a collector of First World War or regiment memorabilia, is very welcome to contact us.

<http://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/ww1-death-plaque-pte-edward-corben-269383315>



Edith's locket has photos of two soldiers. The other's identity is unknown to us. Perhaps the young man was Charlie, who gave Edith a Christmas present, an embroidered satchet with 6 linen handkerchiefs, in 1914. Edith didn't marry until 1924, the groom was Harry Fowler.