

Private G. Ward

- born 1892 son of Charles and Sarah Ann of Ightfield Hall Cottages
 - worked as a dairy man at Ightfield Hall
 - mobilised with 5th Battalion KSLI in May 1915
 - Private Ward died of shock on 1st August 1915
- we do not have specific information regarding the cause, nature or date of Private Ward's injury
 - however he was awarded 1915 star, British war and victory medals

Battle of Hooge

- 5th battalion KSLI took part in the Battle of Hooge in July 1915
 - 30th July 1915 was the 1st use of the flamethrower by the Germans against the British
- The flamethrower had a great psychological impact on unprepared soldiers and inflicting a particularly horrific death
- many of the soldiers were first buried in the former grounds of Hospice du Sacre Coeur, Ypres which was used by field ambulances and fighting units between February 1915 and November 1917
 - the remains were later re-buried at Bedford House Cemetery
 - War Grave Records suggest that Private Ward was one of these soldiers