

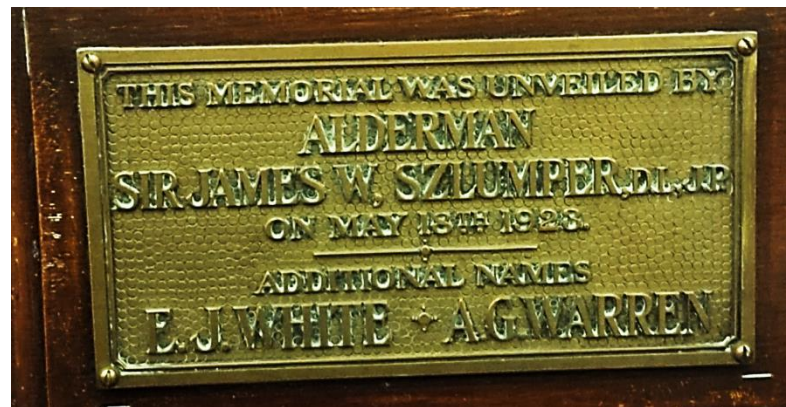


Darell School and the First World War

Darell School First World War Memorials in the School Hall



Two memorial plaques record the names of a teacher and 11 ex-Darell School pupils who were killed in action in the First World War



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Bill Hopkinson

Teacher at Darell School

“His cheery manner and genial temperament soon installed him as a favourite with all”

William Ewart Hopkinson
1891- 1915

Assistant Master at Darell School , 1914



Bill Hopkinson – born in Cleckheaton Yorkshire in 1891



32 Booth Street, Cleckheaton, where Bill Hopkinson grew up with his parents, John and Eliza Hopkinson and his older sister Ethel and younger brother Arthur.

Bill's father worked in a local steel mill, making metal wire.



Moorend School is less than half a mile from Bill's house, so we believe he went to this school in Cleckheaton.

Bill Hopkinson - studied at Borough Road College, Isleworth (now Brunel University)



Bill Hopkinson
attended this
College from
1913-1914,
training to be a
teacher

Bill Hopkinson - successful rugby player



Photo courtesy Brunel University

Bill Hopkinson played in the College rugby team – he scored 21 tries in his first season and was vice-captain in his second year

Bill Hopkinson – considered to be the best tennis player in his year

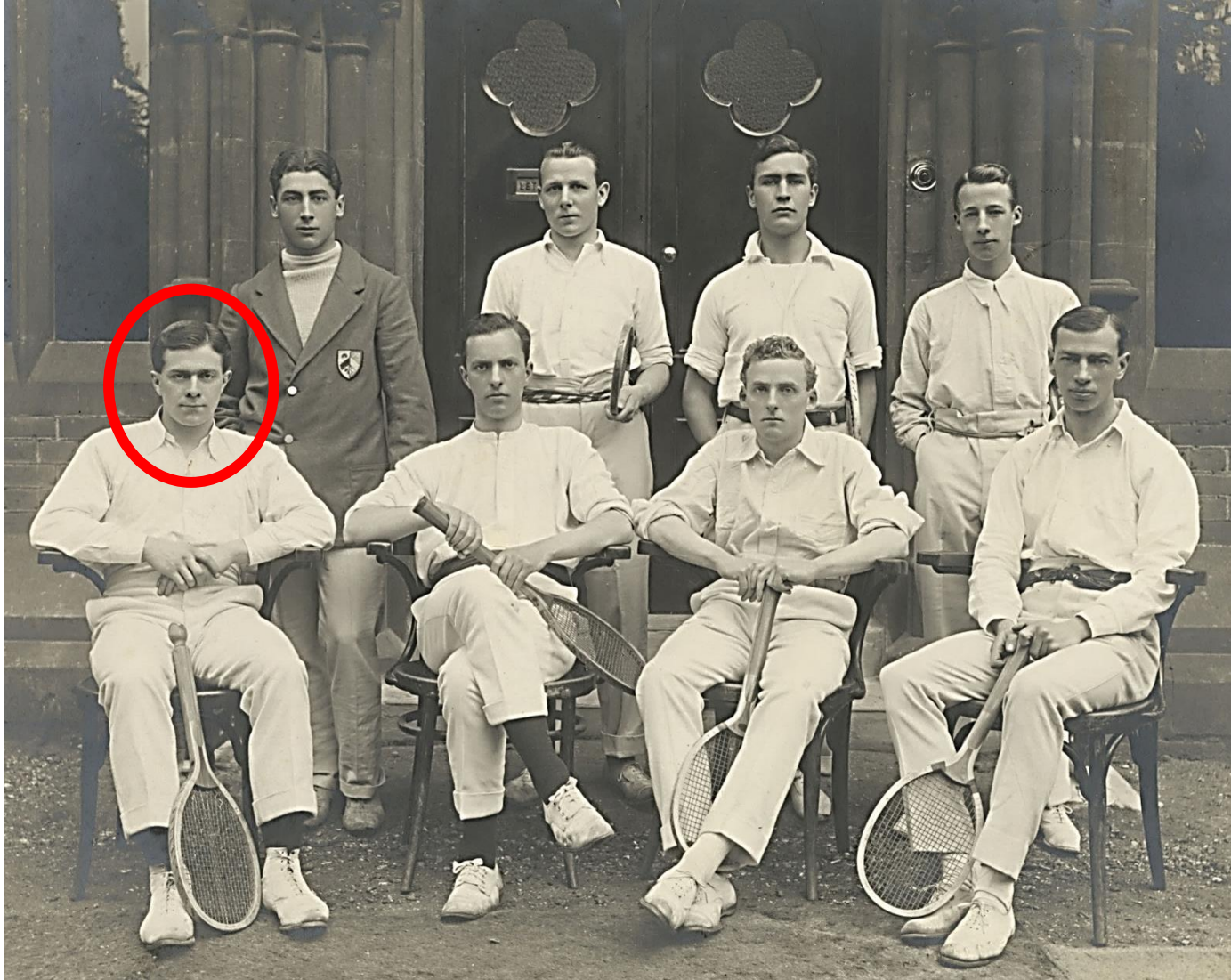


Photo courtesy Brunel University

Bill Hopkinson - Borough Road College (now Brunel University) Tennis team 1913/14

Bill Hopkinson – joined Darell School as Assistant Master in 1914



Bill Hopkinson – joined the army 3 months after the start of the First World War



Lance Corporal Bill Hopkinson



**Cap badge of
the London
Regiment
(Queen
Victoria's Rifles)**



**Soldiers from the 9th Battalion
the London Regiment (Queen
Victoria's Rifles)**

Bill Hopkinson – died at the Battle of Ypres 6th June 1915 aged 24



In Memory of
Lance Corporal

William Ewart Hopkinson

3386, 9th Bn., London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles) who died on 06 June 1915 Age 24

Son of John and Eliza Hopkinson, of 32, Booth St., Cleckheaton, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

During active service in France, Bill Hopkinson was gassed twice and wounded, before dying on 6th June 1915 aged 24. He is buried in France at the Bailleul military cemetery.

Bill Hopkinson – affectionately remembered at Darell School



WILLIAM EWART HOPKINSON,

1891–1915.

BORO', 1912–1914.

IN the toll of war has gone one who made his mark on Boro'. Coming up in September, 1912, W. E. Hopkinson soon began to give proof of his fine qualities and took a prominent part in the social and athletic life of the College. He was chairman of his year for the month of November, 1912, whatever was on foot "Bill" could be depended on to take an active part and give a good account of himself. We looked forward to his songs at the Junior Smokers. How he used to delight to recite his favourite, "The Green Eye of the Yellow God," introducing his wonderful nasal performance at a critical part with unfailing success, to produce the effect required. "With deeper feeling, gentlemen," when he tried to sing a pathetic verse. Whatever B's of his time were present at Christmas Concert, 1913, will remember that episode which brought down the house.

He scored 21 tries as a forward in the Rugger team in his first season, and was vice-captain in his second year. He was also considered to be the best tennis player of his year.

As Senior Prefect he carried out very arduous duties with the utmost good humour, and a large amount of success that could only have been attained by one of great tact and control over his fellows.

The writer had the pleasure of his friendship during the two years in College and afterwards when he obtained an appointment at Darell Road School, Richmond, where his cheery manner and genial temperament soon installed him as a favourite with all. Answering the call, on November 1st, 1914, he joined the 9th London Regiment (Queen Victoria Rifles), and after training for some months at Crowboro', was sent to France a little before Easter of this year. Out there he had a rough time, being gassed twice and having three weeks in hospital with an internal complaint. Through it all he kept up his spirits and sent cheerful letters. "Keep your pecker up, old boy, and we shall yet spend our Midsummer holidays at Brighton together." Unhappily, soon after this letter, on June 5th, he was wounded at Ypres, and died in hospital at Bailleul the following day.

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

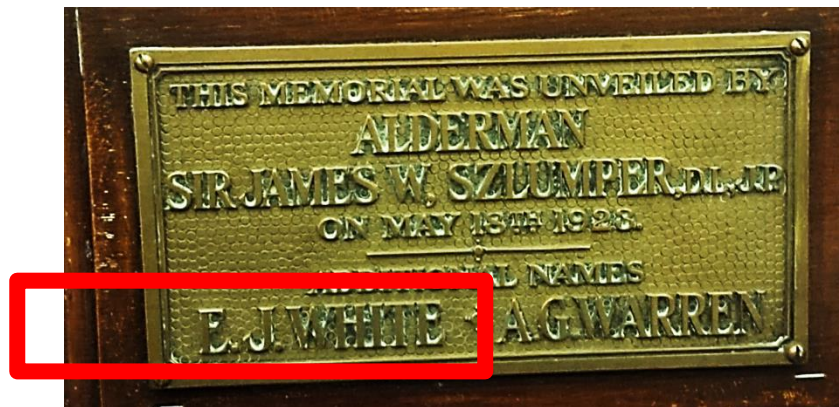
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Edmund White – one of the first Darell School pupils



135 Manor Grove

Edmund White attended Darell School shortly after it opened in 1906.

He lived at 135 Manor Grove with his parents, Jesse and Emily White, and his older sister Clivetta.

When he left school at around 13 years old, he worked at Mortlake brewery.

Mortlake Brewery



Edmund White – served with the 5th Royal Irish Lancers in the First World War 1914 -1918



A 5th Royal Irish Lancer in ceremonial uniform



Two Lancers in the First World War



Edmund White – killed in action, 23rd March 1918 aged 20, trying to save a wounded officer



WHITE, EDMUND JESSE, Trooper, No. 6580, 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers, only s. of Jesse White, of 135, Manor Grove, Richmond, by his wife, Emily, eldest dau. of the late Joseph Fleet; b. Richmond, co. Surrey, 7 Sept. 1897; educ. Darrell Road School there; was employed at Mortlake Brewery; volunteered for active service on the outbreak of war; enlisted in the 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers 24 Aug. 1914; went to Marlborough Barracks, Dublin; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 28 Aug. 1915, and was killed in action at Jassey 23 March, 1918, while endeavouring to save the life of a wounded officer. Buried where he fell. His comrades wrote to his parents saying that he was a great favourite with everyone; *unm.*

Extract from De Ruvingy's Roll of Honour



Edmund White is commemorated at Pozieres Cemetery, France



We will remember them