

## ARNOLD WILLIAM RASH (1906-10)

<b>Date of Birth</b>	5 May 1892
<b>School Information</b>	One of seven brothers to attend the college. His younger brother <b>Ralph Reginald Rash (1910-13)</b> also died in WW1. Prefect. Queen Victoria Scholar. Goldsmith Prize and Gold Medal for Maths 1908. Book Keeping Prize 1908-09. Maths Prize 1909.
<b>Career Information</b>	None known.
<b>Date Of Death</b>	31 July 1917
<b>Cause of Death</b>	Killed in action – see more details below
<b>Location</b>	Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
<b>Cemetery</b>	BUFFS ROAD CEMETERY, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
<b>Rank</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Branch of Service</b>	Suffolk Regiment 5 <sup>th</sup> Battalion

Below is a picture of his gravestone in Belgium.



We were contacted by Peter Clarke who had been researching the War Memorials in the village of Wortham, near Diss and came across a couple of Old Framlinghamians - Arnold William Rash and his brother Ralph Reginald Rash - who made the ultimate sacrifice. He point out to us that there was a wonderful stained glass window in the Church of St Mary Wortham to commemorate their sacrifice. While the figures are stylised, he said he wouldn't be surprised if the faces aren't those of these two young men.

Below are some pictures taken in November 2015 of the window with some close ups, particularly of the insignias at the bottom of the window.





The scroll at the foot of the window reads **"In memory of Arnold William Rash 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, Suffolk Regt. who fell at the Battle of Passchendaele July 31<sup>st</sup> 1917 aged 25 & of Ralph Reginald Rash 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, Suffolk Regt. who fell at the battle of the Somme October 12<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 20, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> sons of J.J. Rash JP of Wortham".**

It is interesting to note that the right hand window contains the emblem of the Suffolk Regiment while the left hand window contains the emblem and motto of the College.





They are also remembered on the War Memorial in Wortham churchyard







*of a cottage which acted as a landmark for soldiers of both sides located behind what had been until that day the second line of German trenches. At this point the Regiment came under a heavy barrage of shell and high explosive fire - with some sniper fire coming from their right.*

*At this point Rash was wounded as was 2nd Lt Ritchie (a South African Officer) and Captain Awbrey all as far as I can tell serving with D Company. 35 other ranks had become casualties by this point in the day."*