

## WILLIAM JOHN GRIMSTEAD MARSH (1912)

<b>Date of Birth</b>	8 September 1897
<b>School Information</b>	None
<b>Career Information</b>	None
<b>Date Of Death</b>	7 November 1917
<b>Cause of Death</b>	Killed in action
<b>Location</b>	Iraq
<b>Cemetery</b>	Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery Plot III.E.10
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant (from 29 June 1917)
<b>Branch of Service</b>	127 <sup>th</sup> Queen Mary's Own Baluch Light Infantry attached to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion 124 <sup>th</sup> Duchess of Connaught's Own Baluchistan Infantry

This website gives a detailed description of the battle in which he died  
<http://www.kaiserscross.com/304501/510601.html> .

The condition of the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery is not good at the moment. A Roll of Honour is on display at the HQ of the CWGC and this image was taken there by **Bill Collard (S55-58)**

# 127<sup>th</sup> QUEEN MARY'S OWN BALUCH LIGHT INFANTRY

## Lieutenant

LUCAS, A G. M.C.

MARSH, W J G

In October 2018 Bill provided the following update "I regret to say that my contact in Iraq have been unable to track down the graves of Capt. C.D Hempson O.F and Lt W.J.G Marsh O.F who are buried in the North Gate Cemetery in Baghdad. Last Thursday, the Venerable Dr Bill Schwartz, OBE, the Archdeacon of the Gulf, visited the Cemetery on our behalf with 2 Iraqi escorts and in temperatures over 40\*C searched the two areas identified by the Commonwealth War Grave Commission as the sites where our two soldiers are buried. Despite looking for over an hour they were unable to locate the two headstones.

Bill's pictures show that most of the previous cemetery damage has been cleared but there are now numerous spaces with no headstones to fill the gaps. The attached pictures are all taken from the E4 area where Hempson is buried. Area E10 appears to very similar. We are so very close to solving this conundrum. I shall be writing to the CWGC to seek their advice. "

