

# *Banstead Remembers*

FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

A memorial service will be held at **11:50am** at All Saints Church for



*Private Archie Jacques*  
*Buried at All Saints*

*Canadian Army Service Corps*  
*Served in France and Belgium*  
*Died, aged 26*

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## Banstead in the Great War

How a global conflict changed local lives

Saturday	Sunday
10 <sup>th</sup> November	11 <sup>th</sup> November
10am-5pm	11:30am-4pm

at the Church Institute, High Street

Free Entry

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## Centenary Service of Remembrance

3pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
at

All Saints Church, Banstead



All are welcome to give thanks for peace and to remember the sacrifice that Banstead and Burgh Heath made in the Great War

*We will remember each one*

## *Private Archie Jacques Buried at All Saints, Banstead*

Archibald "Archie" Lymath Jacques was born in Sutton on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1892 and was baptised at St Barnabas, Sutton, on 6<sup>th</sup> November of that year. He was the eldest son of Charlie and Lily Jacques.

Charlie was a silversmith from Keighley, in Yorkshire, and he married Banstead girl, Lily Lymath, the daughter of a coachman, in Sutton in 1891. They made their home in Lind Road, Sutton, but later lived in Benhill Street and Alfred Road.

Archie went to Sutton County School (now Sutton Grammar School), attending between 1902 and 1906 and leaving at 14 years old. His father emigrated to Canada and the family followed him out there soon after Archie left school. They lived in Toronto at first before moving on but Archie stayed behind when they left and worked as a machinist on the railway.

Archie (5ft 8in tall, blond hair and grey eyes) enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1914. He sailed for England in April 1915 and joined No.2 Divisional Supply Column in Kent in July. They left for France in September. Archie would spend his time in France and Belgium driving lorries in the lines of communication for the Canadian Army Service Corps.

He was able to visit his old school in Sutton while on leave in March 1916 and wrote letters to the school when he returned to Flanders: *"No news of this country, as the only day which is different is Saturday when we get our smokes. Apart from a visit from a German aeroplane once in a while, or the sound of a very heavy bombardment, nothing happens to remind one that there is a war on within 10 miles."*

He was invalided to England in May 1917 with Trench Fever and spent some of his recovery at the Canadian convalescent hospital at Woodcote Park, Epsom. He was not quite fit enough for front line service and so he was attached to the Canadian Forestry Corps in England. Vast amounts of timber were needed for the war effort to make railway sleepers, pit props, revetting for trenches and for building huts and camps, etc., and British and French woodlands were being hacked down at a rate of knots to keep up with demand. The companies Archie was attached to were based in the south of England and his final attachment was to 134<sup>th</sup> Company, down in Devon.

Spanish Flu was sweeping the world in the autumn of 1918 and Archie fell ill. He was admitted to Devonport Military Hospital on 5<sup>th</sup> November with a temperature of 104°. He developed pneumonia, his pulse was weak and he was only semi-conscious. Archie *"gradually sank"* over the next four days and died on the 9<sup>th</sup>. He was 26.

If one fallen soldier could not be repatriated then none would be and so Archie had to be buried in the country in which he died. Rather than be buried in Devon, he was brought "home" to Banstead, where his aunt, Susannah, and her husband, Thomas Orton, ran a grocer's shop (now the office of Christchurch) in the High Street.