

Today - Ruyton Remembers

Lance Corporal Alfred Rogers

8th Battalion Machine Gun Corp (Infantry)
24873

He joined up with the Gloucestershire Regiment and was sent to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force which landed in Gallipoli on 5th October, 1915

He then went to Egypt and then to Mesopotamia. He was wounded and invalided back to the U.K.

On his recovery he joined the 20th Company of the Machine Gun Corps and later the 8th. In March, 1918, the Battalion was defending the front line in the Somme section of France when the Germans commenced their massive Spring Offensive on 21st March, 1918

British Forces were outnumbered by a ratio of 4-1 and were quickly pushed back across the old Somme battlefields

The duties of the Machine Gun Corps were to hold the line at all costs and delay the enemy advance, giving time for the Infantry and Artillery to pull back into new positions. In doing so the Gunners suffered tremendous casualties and became known as 'The Suicide Squad'



A NATION'S TRIBUTE
11TH NOVEMBER 2018
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

Born in 1888 in Great Ness

Son of Alfred and Annie of
Cross Villa, School Road,
Ruyton XI Towns

Brother to Annie

He and his father were both
Master Tailors

Killed in Action 31st May, 1918,
aged 29

Remembered on the Soissons
Memorial, France