Leslie was from Buckinghamshire, and died during the Battle of Arras in 1917. He served with the Howe Battalion of the Royal Naval Division, and was just 18 years old when he was reported missing in action.

Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Spencer Savill

Commemorated on Bay 1 of the Arras Memorial

Born in Bristol in 1890, Issac Rosenberg was a poet. He is famous today for his poem ‘Break of Day in the Trenches’, which has become a defining First World War work.

Private Isaac Roasenberg

Buried in Plot V. Row C. Grave 12 of Balieul Road East Cemetery.
In the spring of 1917, the Allies launched a major offensive against the German Army on the Western Front. British Empire troops attacked the formidable German defences around Arras. Fighting through snow and icy mud, they made significant advances and the Canadian Corps took Vimy Ridge. But the battle soon became a bloody stalemate.

Over 38 days, some 300,000 servicemen on both sides were wounded, missing or killed. The British Army suffered an average of 4,000 casualties every day – a higher rate than any other British offensive on the Western Front. For many, the fighting they experienced at Arras was the most brutal of the war.