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Driver 153861 John LAMKIN. Royal Horse Artillery (RHA). No 1 Cadet School. Died Pulmonary Tuberculosis (TB) 2 February 1920 aged 22 years. Resided 18 Vavasors Terrace, Cuxton Road, Strood, Kent. Son of Edwin Lamkin of Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Kent. Brother of W Jackson (present at death). John died at his home address in Strood.

Enlisted 5 September 1916 into the Royal Horse Artillery (RHA). Discharged unfit for Further war Service 5 July 1918 (The Ink on his service papers are very faded but you can make out "**Discharged U**"). He was then Awarded a War Disability Pension from 27 July 1918 by the Ministry of Pensions.

GRO Death Reference – 1918, Strood (aged 22), 2a, 864.

John's service and pension papers are very faded. We can see that some parts were filled in but they are now hardly legible which is a great pity.

John must have served overseas because his service papers (Military History Sheet) record he was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. You can just make this out as the ink has faded very badly over the years. On the same sheet you can see some faded writing under the heading **INJURIES IN OR BY THE SERVICE**. You can't make out any real detail but it is safe to say he did have an entry here for wounds or illness in war service probably T.B.

His service papers do record his death which is a very good indication that after discharge the army remained in contact with him and wanted to know how ill he was. In any event he died whilst in receipt of a full army disability war pension.

Clearly a straightforward case of APPROVAL, the poor sod died of a disease which he contracted whilst serving overseas on active service. His Death Certificate states that he had been suffering from TB for the past 1 year 5 months which clearly takes him into the time he was on active service.