**George Stanley Sleat**

George Stanley Sleat, born in Oxhey in 1890, was one of four children born to Martin and Alice Sleat of Upper Paddock Road, Oxhey. His father was a railway clerk and the family lived initially at 72 Upper Paddock, before moving later to 51 Upper Paddock Road. All the Sleat children were born In Oxhey and grew up there. George became a fine etcher for photographic company but the 1911 census shows he was out of work at that time. He enlisted in Oxhey as Private DM2/154806 in the Army Service Corps. He served on the Western Front and was killed in action on 17 November 1918, aged 28. He is remembered with honour at Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension in France and is commemorated on the memorial at St Matthew’s Church, Oxhey. His younger brother , Harold David Sleat, had been killed in Belgium six months earlier.

