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1. 65412 Gunner Hedley Kay Royal Garrison Artillery. In the 1901 census Hedley, who was then aged 8, was listed as living in Dialstone with his parents John and Sarah Ann and his 6 year old sister Gladys. All were Bradwell born. In the 1911 census the occupation of both Hedley and Gladys was given as comb cutters (probably at Stretfield). Father John was a jobbing gardener. The family appear to have moved from Dialstone at some time after 1901 because the address given by Hedley when he enlisted in 1915 was Hugh Lane (appearing in his army record as 'Yew' Lane). Hedley left for France from Southampton in May 1916. He was wounded in the hand in 1917 and more seriously in May 1918 when he spent time in the West Bridgford Military Hospital near Nottingham before leaving the Army later that year.
2. 42827 Guardsman Alfred Edward (Teddy) Randles 3rd Btn. Grenadier Guards. In 1911 Teddy (who was Bradwell born) was living in Brook Building (where the family had moved from Smithy Hill). He was aged 15 and was a grocer's assistant. His father, George Joseph Randles, was the Head of St Barnabas' Church School from 1894 until 1923, and his mother was Julia. Teddy enlisted in 1915 and must have rejoined his battalion in Flanders near Ypres in March of 1916. Later in the war, in 1918, Teddy was in action east of Amiens in France when his company came under heavy shelling. The poison gas filling some of the shells caused him to be evacuated to hospital at Boulogne. He recovered and left the Guards in 1919. His son Robert (Bob) Randles is still living in Hope.