Fred Butterfield





Rank: - Private

Number: - 335509

Regiment: - Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) (formerly 27769 KOYLI and 8192 Royal Scots) "B" Coy. 5th/6th Bn.

Killed in Action: - 2nd October 1918 aged 30 years

Memorial: - Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France Panel 3

Batley News, 2 Nov 1918 (photo)

Family Details

Fred was born in Batley in c1888 the son of Henry and Ellen Butterfield nee Hepworth, who had married on 3rd October 1874 at St. John's Church, Dewsbury.

In 1891 Fred was living at the home of his paternal grandfather, Luke Butterfield with his parents and siblings, William 1875, Luke 1877, Sam 1879 and Annie 1884 at 62, Occupation Lane, Batley. Henry was employed as an iron turner. His grandfather Luke died in October 1893. Mary Jane had been born in August 1882 but only lived a few days, as did Ada in February 1887. Tom was born in July 1894.

The family continued to live at 62, Occupation Lane, Batley.

Fred attended Staincliffe Church Schools and was later in business of his own account as a French polisher. He was a member of Staincliffe Liberal Club and was well known in the locality.

Service Details

Fred enlisted in February 1916 and went to France in November 1916. He was wounded in August 1917 but returned to the Front.

The 5/6th Regiment joined the 14th Brigade in 32nd Division on 29th July 1916.

In 1918they fought at:-
The First Battle of Arras, a *phase of the First Battles of the Somme 1918*
The Battle of Amiens 8th-11 August
The Battle of Albert 21-23rd August
The Battle of Bapaume 31st August-3rd September
which were phases of the Second Battles of the Somme 1918
The Battle of the St Quentin Canal29th September -2nd October
The Battle of Beaurevoir 3rd -6th October
which were phases of the Battles of the Hindenburg Line

Fred would have been killed on the last day of the Battle of the St. Quentin Canal.

His brother, Sam, had been killed five days previously. His brother Tom was serving in Ireland.

Fred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Christ Church Staincliffe; Staincliffe Liberal Club; Staincliffe C of E Junior School and Batley War Memorial



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