Edward Chadwick





Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 129048

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillery R. A. Command Depot (Ripon)

Died of Pneumonia after 6 months in hospital: - 13th November 1918 aged 25 years

Cemetery: - Dewsbury A 358 "C"

Batley News, 23 Nov 1918. Batley Reporter, 15 Nov 1918. Dewsbury Reporter, 23 Nov 1918 (photo).

Family Details

Edward was born in Staincliffe on 17th December 1892 the son of Sam and Elizabeth Chadwick nee Easenby who had married on 17th April 1882 at Pollington, Snaith, Yorkshire.

Elsie was born in Staincliffe in 1883 and baptised at Christ Church, Staincliffe on 27th May 1883 when Sam gave his occupation as a builder and timber merchant. Bertha was born in 1884 followed by Mary 1890.

In 1901 the family was living at 7, Carlton Terrace, Staincliffe, Batley and Sam was employed as a joiner.

Edward attended Purlwell Schools and was a choir boy at Staincliffe Church.

Sam died in Newby, Scarborough in late March 1902. The 1911 shows that Edward was working as a solicitor's clerk living with his mother and siblings in a five roomed home at Staincliffe.

Before enlisting he worked as a clerk for George Harry Hirst and Co., Batley.

Service Details

Edward enlisted in Batley in 1915 and embarked for France in 1916. His service records have not survived but newspaper reports state that he was in hospital for six months prior to his death after spending two years in France.

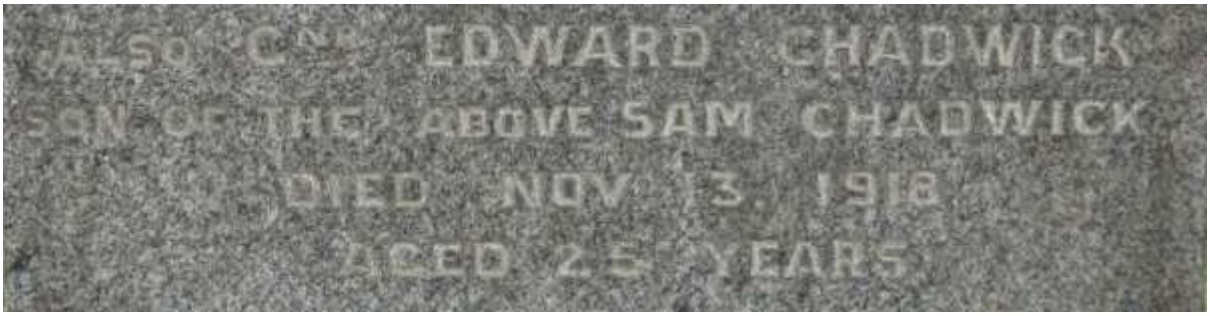
A full military funeral took place on Monday 18th November 1918 at Dewsbury Cemetery which was conducted by the Vicar of Staincliffe, Rev. A.N. Hayes,

The coffin which was draped with the Union Jack was carried by six soldiers of the Army Ordnance Corps and the Last Post was sounded over the grave.

There were a large number of people at the funeral including representatives from Bright's Mill, C. Tattersfield from Alexandra Mill, "his sorrowing fiancée Edith" and "his loving friend Tom, in France."

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

He is remembered with Honour at Christ Church, Staincliffe and Batley War Memorial.



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