Stanley Goodall





Rank: - Private

Number: - 1290950

Regiment: - Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 1/7th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 17th September 1916 aged 23 years

Memorial: - Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 6 A and 6 B.

Batley News, 30 Sep 1916 (photo)

Family Details

Stanley was born in Heckmondwike on the 15th March 1893 the only son of William and Lizzie Goodall nee Medley who had married at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on 12th October 1889.

His sister, Louisa was born in Heckmondwike in c.1896 before the family moved to live at 16, Waterloo Street, New Boultham, Lincolnshire where Liversedge born William worked as a currier and stitcher. The family could not have stayed there very long because Stanley was a scholar at Staincliffe National School and attended Kilpin Hill Primitive Methodist Chapel.

The family returned to live in the Staincliffe area and Louisa died in 1909 aged 14 years. In 1911 Stanley was living with his mother in a two roomed home at 10, Cresswell Lane, Kilpin Hill, Batley and was working as a packer for a yarn spinner. His mother was employed as a blanket weaver. Before he enlisted Stanley was working as a ligger-on at Blakeridge Mills, Batley and the address given was 8, Cresswell Lane, Kilpin Hill, Batley.

Service Details

Stanley was a Derby Scheme recruit and rejoined fro Army Reserve Class B on the 28th January 1916 at Pontefract. He was aged 22 years and 9 months, was a machine minder and was 5 ft. 10 inches tall and his physical development was good. He embarked from Southampton on the 17th June 1916. The 1/7th Battalion was s part of the 147th (2nd West Riding) Brigade in the 49th (West Riding) Division.

He would have taken part on the Somme in the Battle of Albert 1st- 13th July 1916

The Battle of Bazentin Ridge 14th - 17th July
The Battle of Pozieres Ridge 23rd July-3rd September
The Battle of Flers-Courcelette 15th – 22nd September

It was during this last battle that Stanley was killed in action.

Private Smith Oldroyd, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Oldroyd of Knowles Hill, Dewsbury Moor wrote and told them that he had lost his pal, Stanley Goodall and he was buried on September 16th.

He also wrote to Mr. & Mrs. Goodall:-

" It is with deep sympathy I have to break the news to you about the death of your son, Stanley. We went into the trenches on ----night and he was killed on Saturday the 16th . You can rest assured his death was instantaneous; he had no pain. He will be missed by all the boys in his platoon as he was always cheerful. I cannot put it into words how we sympathise with you all at home,but you will understand. We buried him in nice ground and put a cross over him."

His records state that he was likely to have become an Officer.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Christ Church, Staincliffe, Staincliffe C of E Junior School and Batley War Memorial.



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