Joseph Hemingway Goodare





Rank: - Private

Number: - 730138

Regiment: - Canadian Infantry 4th Battalion

Died of Wounds: - 15th August 1918 aged 21 years

Cemetery: - Bois-Guillaume Communal Cemetery Extension, Seine-Maritime, France E.16.A

Batley News, 31 Aug 1918. Batley Reporter, 30 Aug 1918 (photo)

Family Details

Joseph was born in Gomersal on the 6th October 1897 the only child of Joseph and Batley born Charlotte Goodare, nee Hemingway, who had married at Gomersal St. Mary's on 7th March 1897. He was baptised at Gomersal, St. Mary's on 2nd February 1898 when his father gave his occupation as a mason.

In 1901 the family was living at 10B, Yard 2, East Street, Batley near Charlotte's family of Hemingways who probably looked after Joseph whilst she went to work as a weaver and her husband continued his employment as a stone mason. Whilst living in Batley Joseph attended Batley Town Mission Sunday School.

Before 1911 the family was living in Queen Street, Gomersal and Joseph was working as a doffer in a woollen mill.

The family emigrated to Canada in 1912.

Service Details

Joseph enlisted in Canada in 1915 and spent two years in France. His attestation papers states that he lived at Dover Street, Preston, Canada. He had a dark complexion, brown eyes, brown hair and was 5 feet 4 inches tall. He said his religion was either Baptist or Congregational. He gave his date of birth as 6th October 1893 (note difference).

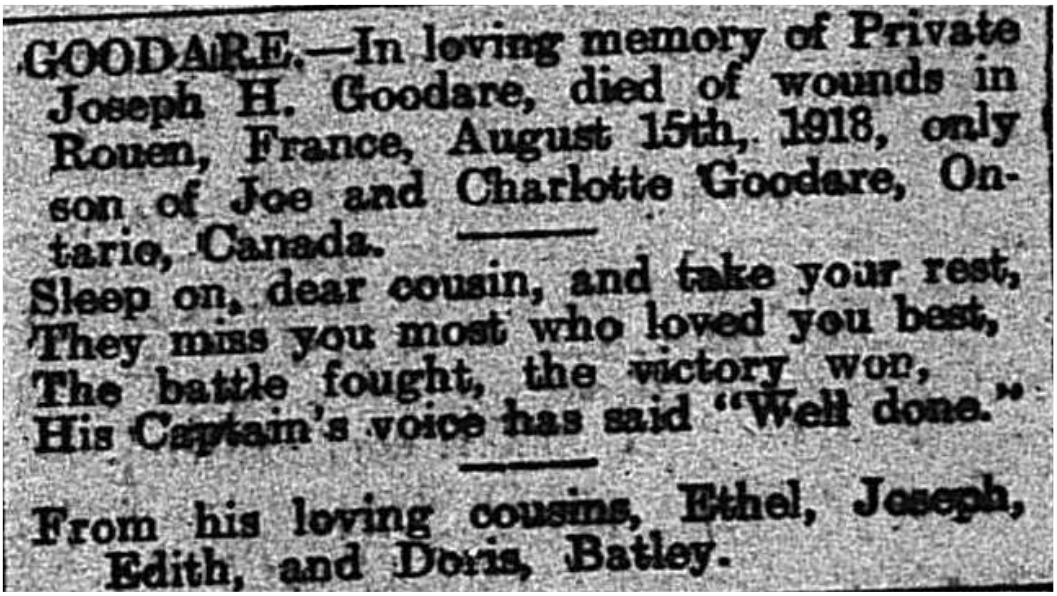
The 4th Battalion was authorized on 7th November 1914 and embarked for Britain. It disembarked in France on 18 July 1915. It was converted to infantry and allocated to the 8th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division and became the 4th Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles on 1st January 1916.The battalion recruited in Ontario, where Joseph joined the battalion, and travelled to France in 1916.

They took part in battles at Mount Sorrel, the Somme 1916, Flers-Courcelette, Ancre heights, Arras in both 1917 and 1918, Vimy 1917, Passchendaele, and Amiens.

The Battle of Amiens started on 8th August and lasted until 11th August but there were subsequent actions by the 4 Canadian Divisions near Damery between

15th-17th August 1918. Amiens was not about ground gained, other than its effect on pushing German artillery further from the key railway junction at Amiens. It was about destruction and demoralisation of the German army, and in this succeeded brilliantly. The Canadians fought very hard in the heavy fighting.

Sadly, Joseph died in a Rouen hospital of wounds on 15th August 1918 and his uncle Arthur Hemingway of No2 Yard, East Street, Batley received a cablegram to inform the family in Batley.



GOODARE.—In loving memory of Private Joseph H. Goodare, died of wounds in Rouen, France, August 15th, 1918, only son of Joe and Charlotte Goodare, Ontario, Canada.

Sleep on, dear cousin, and take your rest,
They miss you most who loved you best,
The battle fought, the victory won,
His Captain's voice has said "Well done."

From his loving cousins, Ethel, Joseph, Edith, and Doris, Batley.

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He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Joseph is remembered with Honour at Batley Town Mission and Batley War Memorial.



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