George Fred Hampshire





Rank: - Sergeant

Number: - 65441

Regiment: - Northumberland Fusiliers (Formerly 27860 KOYLI) 1st Battalion

Died of Wounds, sustained 25th August 1918: - 29/08/1918 Age: 25 years

Cemetery: - Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme, France 1V.G.20

Batley News, 7 Sep 1918 (photo)

Family Details

George Fred was born in Batley, c.1893 on of Arthur and Elizabeth Allerton Hampshire nee Dean who had married on the 7th November 1891 at Batley, All Saints Church.

George Fred was born in c.1893 followed by Harold 1885 and Elsie 1898. In 1901 the family was living at 82, Dark Lane, Batley and Almondbury born Arthur was employed at a woollen warehouse as a book-keeper. Before 1911 the family had moved to live in a six roomed home at 81, Dark Lane, Batley.

Before enlisting he worked on the wool department of Messrs. J.T. & J. Taylor's, Blakeridge Mills under Mr. W. Simpson. He was particularly well known at Hanover Street Congregational Church where he was a member of the choir and the Young Men's Class, a Band of Hope worker, and an enthusiast in amateur dramatic and musical performances, in which he displayed more than average ability. He also earned a local reputation as the composer of humorous dialect verse.

Service Details

George served as an Instructor in England for some considerable time prior to being shipped to France a few months before his death.

The 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers was part of 9th Brigade, 3rd Division.

In 1918 they fought at :-The Battle of St Quentin (21-23 March),The Battle of Bapaume (24-25 March),The First Battle of Arras 1918 (28 March)
which were all phases of the First Battles of the Somme 1918
The Battle of Estaires (9-11 April)
The Battle of Hazebrouck (12-15 April)
The Battle of Bethune (18 April)
which were phases of the Battles of the Lys

The Battle of Albert (21-23 August) which was part of the Second Battle of the Somme.

Fighting continued and George Fred was wounded on the 25th August and his parents received an official telegram stating that he had died on August 29th in a hospital in France of wounds sustained four days earlier.

His brother, Harold, died of wounds on the 13th June 1917.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Hanover Street Congregational Church Sunday School and Batley War Memorial.



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