Granville Howe





Rank: - Private

Number: - 87675

Regiment: - Northumberland Fusiliers 22nd (3rd Tyneside Scottish) Battalion

(Formerly York and Lancaster Regiment)

Killed in Action: - 6th September 1918 aged 20

Cemetery: - Sailly Labourse Communal, Pas-de-Calais, France K .20



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Family Details

Granville was born in Stanningley in 1898 the son of Herbert Howe and Lizzie Riley. Herbert was also born in Stanningley but Lizzie came from Batley Carr.

In the 1891 census Lizzie Riley was in the workhouse with a 2-year-old son, John Harold, and would have been expecting Percy Riley, born in Dewsbury in 1891 before the family moved to Stanningley where John Herman Howe was born in April 1893, Granville, and Stainsby Howe in July 1899. It would appear (John) Harold was adopted or taken in by the Bould family.

In 1901, when the census was taken, the family was living at 10, Beckside Hill, Stanningley next door to the Great Northern Hotel. Within the next decade the family had moved to live at 32, Lidgate Lane, Batley Carr.

Granville attended Carlton Road Council School.

His mother, Lizzie, married Benjamin Riley in the last qtr of 1914 and they moved to live at Woodhill Cottages, Victoria Street, Batley Carr.

Service Details

Granville enlisted in 1916 but was discharged to do work of national importance and entered the employ of Messrs. Crawshaw and Warburton at Shaw Cross Pit but subsequently left and went to work for Mr. Fred Ellis, rag merchant at Bradley. He was recalled in April 1918 and was sent to France in July 1918. The 22nd Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers came under the command of 102nd Brigade, 34th Division.

The first battle he would have encountered with his battalion when he reached France was the Battle of Soissons and of the Ourcq which took place between 18th and 22nd July 1918 which was mainly a French battle. This was followed by the capture of Baigneux Ridge which was a phase of the Battle of Marne.

His mother received notification from a Chaplain that he had been killed by a shell on September 6th 1918.

His brother Stoker Herman went down with the “Queen Mary “ at the Battle of Jutland on 31st May 1916 , Private Bould, KOYLI had been discharged after being wounded three times and losing his right arm, Private Percy Howe (Riley), South

Wales Borderers had also been discharged, Private Stainsby Howe was with the R.A. M. C. in an English training camp.

Granville is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial, Warwick Road Junior School and Batley Carr Wesleyan Chapel.



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