Clifford Bennett Ineson





Rank: - Rifleman

Number: - 43565

Regiment: - King's Royal Rifle Corps posted to 1/16th Battalion London Rifles

Died: - 18th June 1918 aged 19

Cemetery: - Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de- Calais, France. 1V.L.29

"WORTHY OF EVERLASTING LOVE FROM HIS LOVING MOTHER"

Family Details

Clifford Bennett was born on the 9th February 1899 the son William and Annetta Ineson (nee Milnes) of High Street, Hanging Heaton later of Cardigan House, North King Street, Batley

William had married Elizabeth Smith in February 1869 and they had five children but Elizabeth died in April 1882 and he married Annetta Milnes on 3rd January 1884 at Dewsbury Parish Church.

Jane Elizabeth was born in 1884 followed by John (1886), Ethel H (1888), Harry (1891), Sarah Ann (1896), Fred (1896), Clifford Bennett and Joseph Edmund (1902).William died in 1909.

Clifford attended the Church Day Schools and was in the Parish Church choir as a boy.

In 1911 Annetta and her family were living in a two roomed home at 86, High Street, Hanging Heaton.

After leaving school he worked as a warper at J.B. &W. Hirst, Lady Ann Mills, Batley.

Service Details

Clifford began his service on March 30th 1917 and he was posted to France on March 27th 1918.

On the 10th February 1916 the London Riles 1/16th Battalion was transferred to the 169th Brigade in 56th (London) Division.

The First Battle of Arras was taking place at about the time Clifford arrived in France.

He was wounded on the 16th June 1918 and died on the 18th at Casualty Clearing Station no.57. A matron wrote a letter to his mother:-

"I have to tell you of your brave son's death. He was admitted here dangerously wounded in the chest, thigh and foot. Before he went he sent his love to you. He told me he had two brothers fighting, one married and one the other who lived at home."So" he continued I had rather it had been me: it is much better so. My

mother thinks the same of us all, I know, yet if it had to be one of us it is better to be me. He was so good and brave"

His brother Harry was in the Royal Field Artillery and Fred in the Machine Gun Corps.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Ebenezer Chapel Hanging Heaton, Batley War Memorial, St. Paul's Church and Hanging Heaton War Memorial (St. Paul's).



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