Cecil Rhodes



Rank: - Private

Number: - 41270

Regiment: - The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster) 1st Battalion

Died of Wounds: - 27/10/1918 Age: 18 years

Cemetery: - Queant Road Cemetery, Buissy, Pas de Calais, France 1.A.33

Family Details

Cecil was born in Cambridge in 1900 the son of John Edwin and Emma Eliza Rhodes nee Pickering who had married on the 30th October 1894 at Pontefract, St Giles and St Mary Church.

Claude Benjamin was born in 1895 in Pontefract before the family moved to Cambridge and the births of Dorothy 1897 and Cecil. Constance Mabel was born in 1903 and the family returned to Pontefract before the 1911 census was taken. John Edwin was an artificial tooth maker (chemist and dental).

The family came to live in Batley shortly after this time and John Edwin died at 124, Purlwell Lane, Batley aged 54 years in late August 1913.

Service Details

Cecil enlisted in Dewsbury but the date is not known. Because of his age he could not have been in France a great length of time.

In 1918 they fought at

The First Battle of Arras 1918 (28 March)
The Battle of Hazebrouck in which the battalion fought in the Defence of Hinges Ridge (12-15 April)
The Battle of Bethune (18 April)
The Advance in Flanders
The Battle of the Scarpe(26-30 August)
The Battle of Drocourt-Queant (2-3 Sept)
The Battle of the Canal du Nord (27 Sept- 1 Oct)
The Battle of the Selle (17-25 Oct)

It is most probable that he was wounded at this last battle and died a few days later of his wounds.

His mother later lived at 53, St. Pauls Road, Manningham, Bradford.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.

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