Allan Tattersfield







Rank: - Bombardier

Number: - 95023

Regiment: - Royal Garrison Artillery 1st/1st (Essex) Heavy Bty.

Killed in Action: - 21/11/1917 Age: 34 years

Cemetery: - Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium 1x.A.4

"TO HIM THE SACRIFICE TO US THE DEAR MEMORY"

Batley News, 8 Dec 1917

Family Details

Allan was born in Batley in 1883 the son of Frederick and Frances Mary Tattersfield (nee Walker, m. 1876, registered Dewsbury). James Walker and Martha Agnes were born in 1877 followed by Clifford who was born in 1879, Frederick 1881, Allan, Joe 1887 and Doris Mary 1892.

Allan attended Wheelwright Grammar School, Dewsbury.
In 1901 the family was living in a nine roomed home at "The Hollins" Kilpin Hill, Heckmondwike. Frederick was described as a manager of a woollen mill whilst Allan was a woollen merchant's assistant. A decade later his father was a blanket merchant and Allan was a cloth merchant, both living at The Hollins.

His father died on the 11th December 1912. Allan was in partnership with his brother-in-law Edmund Audsley Taylor of "Hillcrest", Healey, Batley as woollen blanket merchants in Station Road, Batley. He was the husband of his sister Martha Agnes. Allan was well known in business circles and was much respected. He had a life- long connection with Upper Independent Chapel, Heckmondwike and was a member of Batley and Staincliffe Liberal Clubs.

Service Details

Allan attested on the 18th January 1916 and was 5ft. 9 "tall. He was mobilized on the 9th June 1916, joining the British Expeditionary Force in France on the 25th May 1917. He was living with his mother when he enlisted but she moved to live in Suffolk before his death. She later moved to "Springfield" Maple Road, Harpenden Herts.

News reached his sister that he had been killed in action on 21st November 1917.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Upper Independent Chapel, Heckmondwike; Wheelwright Grammar School, Heckmondwike War Memorial and Batley War Memorial, Addenda.



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