Edgar Stanley Walls





Rank: - Private

Number: - 29481

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 9th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 23/10/1918 Age: 36 years

Cemetery: - Romeries Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France V1.E.12

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Batley News, 9 Nov 1918 (photo). Batley Reporter, 10 Jan 1919

Family Details

Edgar Stanley was born in Batley in c.1882 the son of Mark and Mary Walls nee Stanley who had married in 1872, (registered Dewsbury).

In 1891 he was living at 8, Cross Park Street, Batley with his parents and siblings Arthur 1872-1895, Isabella 1874, Amelia 1876-1898, Samuel 1885-1945 and Alfred 1887. Mark was working as a carrier. Norman was born in1892.

Sadly, the couple had lost two children, Herbert 1878- 1881 and Albert born 1880 died in November aged 9 months.

Edgar attended Park Road School afterwards going to work for Messrs. R Talbot & Son, Bulrush Mills where he was in the finishing department and was in charge of this department before enlisting.

Within the next decade Mark had become a newsagent on his own account and the family had moved to live at 7, Clerk Green, Batley.

In May 1910 his mother, Mary died followed by his father in November 1911.

On the 21st February 1905 he married Annie Wigglesworth at Wellington Road, Chapel, Dewsbury. They lived at 6, Alliance Avenue, Wood Street, Batley in a four roomed home in 1911. Mark Stanley was born in 1913. They went to live at 109 Bradford Road West, Batley.

At the time he enlisted he was the organist at Batley Temperance Hall having previously had similar positions at Boothroyd Lane and Commonside Wesleyan Chapels. At one time he had been a member of the Batley Co-operative Education Committee.

Service Details

Edgar enlisted in 1916 and went to France in late 1916. He suffered trench fever and was sent home going back to France in March 1918.

In 1918 the 9th Battalion took part in: -
The Battle of St Quentin (21-23 March)
The First Battle of Bapaume (24-25 March)
which were phases of the First Battles of the Somme 1918
The Battle of Messines (10-11 April)

The Second Battle of Kemmel (23-26 April)
which were phases of the Battles of the Lys 1918
The Battle of the Aisne (27 May-6 June)
The Battle of Albert(21-23 August)
The Second Battle of Bapaume (31 August-3 September)
which were phases of the Second Battles of the Somme 1918
The Battle of Epehy (18 September)
The Battle of the St Quentin Canal (29 September – 2 October)
The Battle of Cambrai 1918 (8-9 October)
which were phases of the Battles of the Hindenburg Line
The Battle of the Selle, a phase of the Final Advance in Picardy (17-25 October).

A Corporal wrote to his wife: -

"It is with deepest sympathy I have to inform you of the death in action on October 21st of your husband. It came as a great shock to all of us when we were informed of the sad event. At the time of his death Edgar was forward with the Commanding Officer maintaining forward communication. Edgar was deeply respected by all who knew him, he was such a good, earnest a fellow and a better friend you would not often find. He is laid at a ?? with three comrades. His death was instantaneous being hit by shrapnel."

Edgar was awarded the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at St Saviour's Brownhill; Batley Temperance Society and Batley War Memorial.



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