George Frederick Wyer





Rank: - Private

Number: - 65796

Regiment: - Northumberland Fusiliers 1/5th Battalion

Died in Captivity: - 01/06/1918 Age: 19 years

Cemetery: - Cologne Southern Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany X11.G.26

"A SILENT THOUGHT A SECRET TEAR KEEP HIS MEMORY EVER DEAR"

Batley News, 25 May 1918, 23 Nov 1918 (photo)

Family Details

George Frederick was born in 1899 in Halifax the son of Herbert Edmund and Letitia Wyer (nee Western, m. 2 May 1896, Halifax, St. John the Baptist).

In 1901 he was living with his parents and elder sister, Elizabeth Ann born 1897 at 23, Fixby Avenue, Copley, Halifax and his father's occupation was an oil extractor.

Letitia died in May 1909 in Dewsbury District. In 1911 Herbert and his two children were living at 11, Warwick Mount, Batley. Arthur Edmund 1898-1898, Phyllis Letitia born 1902 -1904 and one other had died in infancy.

On the 15th September 1917 Herbert married Emily Wharton.

George Frederick attended Warwick Road School and previous to being called up was a piecener at Messrs. G. & J. Stubley, Hick Lane Mills, Batley.

Service Details

George was called up and went to France on Easter Sunday, his birthday, in 1918. His last letter home dated 7th April indicated he was "going up the line." On the 20th May 1918 he wrote to his father with the news that he had been captured on the 10th April and was well and sound. He was held at Limburg.

When the war ended a letter with a photo of him was sent to Germany but was returned with a slip of paper saying "Deceased 7/6/18". The family had some time previously been informed from War Office that he had been reported dead but nothing was known of the circumstances.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Warwick Road School and Batley War Memorial.



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