

In Memory of

Private

Sidney Smith

14974, 7th Bn., King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) who died on 29 July 1916 Age 20

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, of Altrincham, Cheshire.

Remembered with Honour

Abbeville Communal Cemetery



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Private Sidney Smith

7th Battalion, Kings Own, Royal Lancaster Regiment

Died: 29 July 1916 Age: 20

How Died: Died of wounds

Country of burial: France

Cemetery or Memorial: Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Somme

Town Memorial: Altrincham

Extra Information:

Born during the December quarter 1895 in the Altrincham R.D. - ref: 8a/877, the son of Arthur Henry and Mary Ann Smith (nee Garner).

1901 Census - 5 Navigation Road, Altrincham. Son - aged: 5 - born: Altrincham. Head of household - Arthur H. Smith - Married - aged: 27 - occ: Iron Turner - born: Heaton, Staffordshire. Also Mary Smith - Wife - aged: 25 - born: Altrincham. Plus his younger brother, Leonard, aged: 3 - born: Altrincham.

1911 Census - 15 Navigation Road, Altrincham. Son - aged: 15 - occ: Iron Turner Apprentice at Messrs H.W. Kearns & Co, Broadheath - born: Altrincham. Head of household - Arthur H Smith - Married - aged: 37 - occ: Iron Turner - born: Eaton, Staffordshire. Also Mary Smith - Wife - aged: 34 - born: Altrincham. Plus his younger brother, Leonard, aged: 13 - born: Altrincham, Cheshire.

Attended Navigation Road School, Broadheath. Member of the Broadheath Congregational Church Sunday School. Employed by Messrs. H.W. Kearns & Co, Broadheath. He enlisted on the 27th October 1914 from where he was residing at 15 Navigation Road, Broadheath..

MIC - states that he was posted to France on the 17th July 1915. That he was awarded the 15 Star, the BWM & VM.

The 7th Bn, Royal Lancaster Rgt served in the 19th (Western) Division, 56th Brigade. They were actively involved in the Battle of the Somme 1916 right

from the start being in a support position on the 1st July, the first day of the Battle. Actively involved throughout July, but on the 23rd July they moved forward into Mametz Wood. On the 27th July they were in bivouacs north of Bernafay Wood. They took over the front line north-east of Bazentin-le-Petit, where Sidney was wounded.

After progressing back through the Field Ambulance and Casualty Clearing Stations, Sidney ended up at the No. 2 Stationary Hospital at Abbeville, France where he died. Buried on the 31st July 1916.

Death reported in the 11/08/1916 edition of the Altrincham Guardian.

Listed in the Guardian Year Book - Roll of Honour for 1917.

Memorials found on:

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour

Broadheath Congregational Church



Sidney's Grave in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery, France