



Lewis Albert Lyons

Rank: Private

Service No.: S/10735

Regiment: 9th & 8th Bn. Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

Residence: 6, Lime Villas, Elham

Before Service:

Lewis, who the family referred to as "Albert", was born in Eastling, Faversham in April 1896. His occupation is recorded on his Service Record as "Indoor Porter". His parents were John & Julia Lyons and in 1911 they were at 6 Cross Street, Abergavenny running a greengrocery. Their son Charles, aged 19, was a Railway Porter with the GWR, and Lewis Albert, aged 14, was an Errand Boy for a stationer. What had taken them from Kent to Wales, we have no idea.

During Service:

He enlisted on the 11-Aug-14 in Canterbury aged 18 years & 13 days and went into the Buffs Reserves. On enlistment he was 5' 6 1/2" tall, weighed 118lbs, had a 33" chest with an expansion of 2", his eyes were brown and his hair dark brown, his religion was Church of England. Only one slight defect was recorded as "Flat Feet".

His Service Record shows that he was stationed at "Home 11-Aug-1914 to 6-Oct-1915 with the 9th Bn. Buffs (East Kent Regiment)" and then "British Expeditionary Forces (BEF) 7-Oct-1915 to 19-Mar-1916 with the 8th Bn. Buffs (East Kent Regiment)". In total Lewis served for 1 year and 221 days.

Killed In Action

Date of Death: 19-Mar-1916

Grave Location: Sanctuary Wood Cemetery, Zillebeke. 2.5 miles S.E. of Ypres. Ref: II.K.28

A letter and parcel to his mother Julia dated 16th June 1916 records his personal affects as being: 1 Card Case, 13 Photos, 1 Xmas Card, 2 Post Cards, 1 Pipe, Letters and 1 Magazine. Julia acknowledged receipt of her son's possessions on the 28th June 1916 and his 1915-15 Star with these words:

Dear Sir
I thank you for your
kindness in sending the
things that belong to my
late son Albert Lyons
which I received with the
photo of Lyons the 6th Reserve
Villa Elham Canterbury
wledge receipt in enclosed
June 28th 1916

E.K. 2555
I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
1914-15 Star
granted in respect of the service of S/10735
Mr L. A. Lyons The Buffs
Date 1919
Signature Julia Lyons
and on my behalf
for it.
STAINES ROAD HONORS

He was posthumously awarded the 1914-15 Star and the British War & Victory Medals.

Family Story:

His parents moved to 37, St. Martins Rd, Canterbury after WW1. Lewis had 3 brothers (living in Canada, Acrise & Abergavenny) and 1 sister (in Worthing). His brother William, who was living at Oak Hill Cottage, Acrise also served during the war.