



Cecil Leonard Cadd

Cecil Leonard Cadd was born in Potterspury, Northampton in 1892. He was baptised on 2nd October 1892 in the parish of Ashton. His father was Herbert Ernest Cadd of Preston Bisset, Buckinghamshire and his mother Emma Louisa Cadd (nee Hadland) of Roade. Herbert and Emma married in 1891.

Family

The 1901 Census recorded Herbert and Emma Cadd living in Far Cotton, Northampton. They had seven children, Herbert E, Cecil Leonard, Martha, William, Eleanor, Ethel and Joseph. Herbert Snr. was employed as an “iron furnace labourer”.

Cecil Leonard Cadd attended Hartwell School in 1901.

Cecil had another sister, Dorothy Margaret, who died less than a year old in July 1904.

Cecil's mother Emma Cadd died in July 1905.

Military Service

Cecil Ernest Cadd enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment (20149) on 12th July 1915 at Kettering.

On his enlistment papers his home address is cited as Corby, Northamptonshire. His occupation was listed as blast furnaceman.

Originally in the 7th Battalion he was transferred to the 6th Battalion on 4th May 1916.

Cecil's service record shows that he was in France 20th October 1915 to 21st February 1916 and again from 4th May 1916 until 17th July 1916.

Private Cecil Ernest Cadd was wounded on active service on 14th July 1916. He was transferred back to the United Kingdom (1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge) on 17th July 1916. He died of wounds 23rd July 1916. He was 24 years old.

Extract from Findagrave.com –

“Private 20149, “B” Company, 6th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. He received gunshot wounds to his back and spine in France on the 14th July 1916 and died on Sunday, 23rd July 1916 at Cambridge Hospital, aged 24. At 4.30 a.m. on the 14th July, the Battalion lead an attack on Trones Wood and rushed the redoubt in



the southern part of Central Trench at 6 a.m. after strong resistance. The Wood was captured by 9 a.m.

Born Northampton, he enlisted in Kettering, Northamptonshire on 12th July 1915.

Arrived in France 20th October 1915, in February 1916 he was invalided home with trench foot and then returned to the front on 4th May 1916. He joined the 6th Battalion in the field on 25th May.

Prior to the War he was a blast furnace man.

Son of Herbert and Emma Cadd of 29 High Street, Far Cotton, Northampton (1901 Census) and 31, Newington Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton (1916).

Buried Northampton (Towcester Road) Cemetery.”

Private Cadd's death was reported in the Northampton Mercury on 1st September 1916.

The Northampton Independent wrote –

“Pte. Cecil Leonard Cadd, of the Northamptonshire Regt., who died of wounds in Cambridge Hospital, was buried with military honours at Towcester Road Cemetery last Friday. Deceased who was 24 years of age, and the son of Mr Herbert Cadd...enlisted early in 1915, and went to the front about a year ago. Before Xmas he was invalided home with frozen feet, and returned to the front in the new year. He has two brothers with the forces, one being at the front.”

Private Cecil Cadd is commemorated on the Corby War Memorial and buried in Northampton (Towcester Road) Cemetery.

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

Northampton (Towcester Road) Cemetery contains 116 First World War burials and 17 from the Second World War, most of which form a combined war graves plot to the left of the chapel. The cemetery also contains five non-war service burials and three Czech war graves.



References

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of the Northamptonshire Regiment

d. 23rd July 1916

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