



***Private (Guardsmen) William BENSON***

*18592 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards*

*Killed in action 23 July 1916 aged 25*

*Buried Essex Farm Cemetery, Belgium Grave II. Z. 15*

*Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 1B-046*

***Personal History***

*William BENSON was born at Bury, Lancashire on 24 September 1890 the son of William and Elizabeth BENSON nee MIDDLETON who were married 23/04/1881 at St. Paul, Chorlton-on-Medlock. His father died in 1909. His mother died in 1909.*

*In the 1911 census the family were living at 6, Olivant Street, Bury, Lancashire,. He was aged 20 with the occupation of Railway Clerk.*

*In the 1901 census the family were living at 86, Horne Street, Bury, Lancashire,. He was aged 10*

*In the 1891 census the family were living at 77, Horne Street, Bury, Lancashire,. He was aged 6 Months Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Chief Goods Managers Dept. at Heywood as a Clerk*

***Service History***

*He enlisted in the Grenadier Guards at Bury, Lancashire. and embarked for France on 16 March 1915. His last known address was Bury, Olivant Street, 6 (1911 Census).*

*He is recorded as Killed in action on 23 July 1916 aged 25*

*He was awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal & 1914-15 Star*

***Remarks***

*Grave Inscription "TILL THE DAY DAWNS AND THE SHADOWS FLEE AWAY"*

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