



***Sergeant Ben SMALES***

*2631 2nd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps*

*Killed in action 17 September 1914 aged 35*

*Commemorated La Fete-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, France*

*Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 6B-063*

***Personal History***

*Ben SMALES was born at Horsforth, Leeds, Yorkshire in 1881 the son of John and Phylis SMALES nee LLOYD who were married 20/08/1877 at St. James, Woodside, Leeds, Yorkshire.*

*In the 1911 census the family were living at 24, Hedley Street, Canal Street, Bramley, Leeds, Yorkshire,. He was aged 30 with the occupation of Railway Goods Checker.*

*In the 1891 census the family were living at 12, Layard Street, Wortley, Leeds, Yorkshire,. He was aged 10 with the occupation of Scholar.*

*He was a married man. His wife's name was Esther Gertrude SMALES (nee BARSTOW) They married at St. Mattias, Burley, Leeds, Yorkshire on 1 March 1913*

*Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Chif Goods Managers Dept. at Leeds as a Checker*

***Service History***

*He was living at Leeds, Yorkshire when he enlisted in the King's Royal Rifle Corps at Bradford, Yorkshire. and embarked for France on 13 August 1914. His last known address was Ledds, Yorkshire, Worsley Road, Minnie Street, 25 (CWGC).*

*He is recorded as Killed in action on 17 September 1914 aged 35*

*He was awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal & 14 Star*

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