



Private Richard WATSON

6949 1st Battalion Cameronian Scottish Rifles

Killed in action 26 October 1914 aged 33

Commemorated Ploegstreert Memorial, Belgium Panel 5

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Personal History

Richard WATSON was born at Stonemoor, Padiham, Lancashire in 1881 the son of Matthew and Annie WATSON nee THRELFALL who were married 02/03/1878 at All Saints, Habergham, Lancashire. His mother died in 1930.

In the 1911 census the family were living at 101 Thompson Street, Padiham, Lancashire,. He was aged 29 with the occupation of Council Labourer.

In the 1891 census the family were living at 23, James Street, Padiham. Lancashire,. He was aged 9 with the occupation of Scholar.

He was a married man. His wife's name was Ellen WATSON (nee GOODLEY) They married at Burnley Register Office or Registrar Attended on 22 March 1905. They had children: Matthew Henry b. 1909, Richard b. 1915

Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Superintendent of the Line Dept. at Padiham as a Porter

Service History

He was living at Padiham, Lancashire when he enlisted in the Cameronian Scottish Rifles at Preston, Lancashire. and embarked for France on 1 September 1914. His last known address was Padiham, Lancashire Thompson Street, 101 (1911 Census).

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

Do you have any further information about this serviceman? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact us using the link www.mlfhs.uk/contact

