

Bombadier/Gunner John Edwards LEWIS

35/715885 19th Battery (37/27 Brigade) Royal Field Artillery
Killed in action 2 May 1917 aged 32
Buried Vimy Communal Cemetery, France Grave B. 1.

Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 4C-049

Personal History

John Edwards LEWIS was born at Werneth, Oldham, Lancashire in 1885 the son of George and Mary LEWIS nee SATTON who were married 28/03/1880 at St. Margaret, Hollinwood, Oldham, Lancashire. In the 1911 census the family were living at 43, Rawsthorne Street, Halliwell, Bolton, Lancashire, He was aged 26 with the occupation of Railway Goods Porter.

In the 1901 census the family were living at 51, Raglan Street, Halliwel, Bolton, Lancashire,. He was aged 16 with the occupation of Cotton Shirt Piecer.

In the 1891 census the family were living at 559, Fox Denton Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, Lancashire,. He was aged 6 with the occupation of Scholar.

He was a married man. His wife's name was Annie LEWIS (nee MARDSEN) They married at St. Thomas, Halliwell, Bolton on 5 March 1904. They had children: Annie b.1904. d.1908, George b. 1907, d.1908, Berha b. 1909, Ivy b. 1912

Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Chief Goods Managers Dept. at Bolton as a xtra Porter

Service History

He enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery at Bolton, Lancashire. and embarked for Egypt on 25 September 1914. His last known address was Halliwell, Bolton, Rawsthorne Street, 43 (1911 Census).

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



