

Guardsman's Funeral at Bexhill

The funeral took place on Wednesday of Pte. Walter George Stevens, 2nd. Batt. Scots Guards, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Stevens of 8, Windsor Road, Bexhill. The deceased soldier was aged 20 years, and prior to joining up about two years ago, was in the employ of Messrs. Wickens, in Sackville Road. He was engaged for some time on duties at Wellington Barracks, and was at Purfleet waiting for demobilisation when he was attacked by his fatal illness. He died on October 1st at the Isolation Hospital, Grays, Essex. The service on Wednesday was at St. Andrew's Church, where the deceased lad had been choirboy, the Rev. B. Foster-Palmer officiating. The interment was at the Borough Cemetery, the mourners being: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stevens (father and mother). Mr. R. Stevens (brother), Mrs. Britt (aunt), Mrs. Coleman (London), aunt, Mrs. H. Coleman, (Bexhill), aunt, Mrs. A. Coleman (Bexhill), aunt, Mrs. Wood (aunt), Mrs. Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Freeman.

The following were the floral tributes –

Wreath. To our dear boy, from his sorrowing Mum and Dad.

Do not ask us if we miss him,
There is such a vacant place;
Shall we ever forget his footsteps
Or his dear familiar face?

Heart. To me dear brother and comrade, from Reg.

Wreath. To our dear George, from Curley.

Chaplet. In loving remembrance, from Auntie, Uncle and girls.

Sheaf. In loving remembrance, from Auntie and Alice.

Wreath. In loving remembrance, from Aunt, Uncle, Albert and Beatrice.

Sheaf. In loving remembrance, from Aunt, Uncle and Reggie.

Cross. In loving remembrance, from Aunt, Uncle and little Bertie.

Cross. In loving memory, Aunt, Uncle and Gladys.

Wreath. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cathro and Mr. and Mrs. Brimscombe.

Sheaf. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cruttenden and Bert.

Sheaf. With deepest sympathy, from Mrs., Neil and family.

Wreath and Cross. With deepest sympathy, from the Matron, Sister and Nurses of "Lauder" Ward Isolation Hospital, Grays, Essex.