



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

**Rifleman Herbert Thomas Smedley**

**Birth Place:** 1896 Heanor, Derbyshire

**Death Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> April 1917

**Death Location:** France & Flanders

**Parents (mother):** Mary A Smedley

**Residence (1911):** Loscoe Grange, Loscoe Derbyshire.

**Occupation (1911):** Pony Driver, colliery

**Enlistment Location:** Ripley, Derbyshire

**Rank:** Rifleman

**Regiment:** King's Royal Rifle Corps

**Battalion:** 16th Battalion

**Service No.:** C/339

**Type of Casualty:** Died of wounds

**Theatre of War:** Western European Theatre

**Cemetery:** St. Sever cemetery Extension, Rouen.

**Grave Ref:** P. I. C. 9B

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**A LOSCOE LOSS**

**RIFLEMAN SMEDLEY DIES FROM WOUNDS**

A further loss to the district which has been caused by the war is the death in action of Rifleman Herbert Thomas Smedley of the King's Royal Rifles, son of Mr and Mrs M.A. Smedley of Loscoe Grange, only 21 years of age, This gallant young soldier has fought bravely for a long period of the struggles.

He was wounded in July last and sent to England, but on recovery he again took his place in the ranks in December, only to again meet with serious wounds on April 26th.

The official information of R. F.M. Smedley's injuries stated that he had been reported seriously wounded by the 5th General Hospital Roven, and was lying there in a dangerous condition.

The sister at the Hospital wrote Mrs Smedley as following:

Your son Rifleman Smedley, is a patient in this hospital, suffering from a gunshot wound is being well looked after I will let you know later how he is getting on.

Unfortunately the official intimation of the brave soldier's death quickly followed and the poor mother and family are very naturally prostrated with grief.

Rifleman Smedley, who was prior to the war a miner at the Shipley Collieries, enlisted in September 1914, and received his training at Denham Camp.

He was a member of the Codnor Church Lad's Brigade and was greatly respected by all who knew him.