

Pte. George Arthur Stapleton



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Birth Place: Ripley, Derbyshire
Parents: Violet and the late Henry Stapleton
Residence: Jessop Street Waingroves.
Occupation: Colliery worker, Butterley Company.
Died: 10th June 1915
Death Location: France & Flanders
Enlistment Location: Ripley
Rank: Private
Regiment: Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)
Battalion: 1/5 Battalion
Number: 2074
Cemetery: Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery
Grave Ref: C.7.

RIPLEY AND HEANOR NEWS

25th JUNE 1915

WAINGROVES SOLDIER'S DEATH

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART AT LISTENING POST.

Pte. GEORGE STAPLETON

5TH BATTALIAN SHERWOOD FORESTERS

Who as a Territorial, left home in August and was drafted abroad in February, is reported killed in action.

The sad news reached his parents on Friday last in a letter from a comrade, Pte. A. Yeoman's who also hails from this district.

The letter intimates that Stapleton who was only 18 years of age, was shot through the heart just a week previous whilst on sentry in a listening post.

Twice before had the chums been engaged on this work at the same post, leaving just before daybreak, but evidently on this occasion a sniper had become aware of the orders, and Stapleton was shot.

The writer goes on to say that all the boys have missed him very much, as since abroad he had been the life of the platoon, and they offer their sincere sympathy to the parents.