



PRIVATE WALTER WATTS

SERVICE NO. 32271

2ND BATTALION, SOUTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT

DATE OF DEATH 12 April 1918 (aged 31)

BATTLE Battles of Messines

REGIMENT 2nd Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment

DEATH Presumed dead – killed in action

FAMILY DETAILS Walter Watts, was born in Odiham on 23 August 1887⁹⁶. He was the eighth child of James, a general labourer, and Patience Watts who lived in the Chalk Pit, Odiham. He had four older brothers and two older sisters.⁹⁷ In 1911, Walter was working as a grocer's porter, still living in the Chalk Pit with his mother, Patience and siblings, Albert, Tom and George. Four years later he enlisted at Aldershot for the duration of the War and initially joined the Training Reserve, 96th Battalion, and was allocated service number TR/7/13028⁹⁸.

MEMORIAL Ploegsteert Memorial

MEDALS British War Medal
Victory Medal

⁹⁶ Source – London Road Board School Admission Register

⁹⁷ Source - Odiham Censuses -1881 and 1891

⁹⁸ Source – Mainly from British Army Service Records, ref; WO364 (burnt documents) Findmypasy.co.uk