

George Kewley – Private – 18th Battalion Kings (Liverpool) Regiment – 16427



George was born on 30th September 1894 and was baptised on 12th November 1894 at St Peter's Liverpool. He was the son of Edward Treleaven and Agnes Kewley (Owens) who were married 6th June 1888 at St Michael in the Hamlet, Toxteth.

In 1901 the family were living at 7 Erith Street, Liverpool and consisted of George, his parents and brothers Richard and William.

In 1911 the family were living at 33 Dovey Street, Liverpool and consisted of George, his parents and his brother Richard.

Prior to the war George was employed by Booth S.S. Co.

He enlisted at St George's Hall in Liverpool on 2nd September 1914 joining the 18th Battalion of The King's Liverpool Regiment as Private 16427. He gave his age as 19 years and 337 days and his occupation as a clerk. He is described as being five feet seven and a half inches tall, weighing 129lbs with a 35" chest. He is of a sallow complexion with blue eyes and fair hair. His NOK is named as his father Edward Kewley, 26 Buckland St, St Michaels

On 29th April 1915 and the day before the Battalion moved to Belton Park, Grantham George was posted to the City Depot. He was made Unpaid Lance Corporal on 29th April 1916, then reverts to Private on 1st May 1916 by order of O/C after being drunk. He embarked 26th July 1916 for Etaples and briefly took up duties with 200 Coy R.E.

George was serving in the 18th Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment as Private No 16427 when he was wounded in action on 8th May 1918 with gunshot wound to the arm and leg. His leg was amputated the next day. He succumbed to his wounds at 55 General Hospital, Boulogne on 27th May 1918 at 10.50pm.

He now rests at Boulogne East Cemetery, France. The inscription on his headstone reads:

"A DEVOTED SON, A TRUE SOLDIER FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH A. AND E. KEWLEY"

Soldiers Effects and Pension to mother Agnes

The death of George was reported in the Liverpool Echo 15/6/1918:

– Died of Wounds - Private George Kewley who died of wounds on May 27 in his 24th year was the youngest son of Mr & Mrs E Kewley of Liverpool.

He is commemorated on the family headstone in Toxteth Cemetery which reads:-

In Sacred Memory of GEORGE

The dearly loved son of EDWARD and AGNES KEWLEY

18th Pals K.L.R.

Who died in France of wounds received in action May 27th 1918 in his 24th year

Interred Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne May 29th 1918

This a corner of a foreign field will be for ever England

George is also commemorated on the following Memorials:

Aigburth Peoples Hall

St Michael in the Hamlet

Booth Line Roll of Honour

His elder brother Richard Owens Kewley received the OBE in 1952, after a career with H.M. Customs

In Memory Of

Private

GEORGE KEWLEY

Service Number: 16427

18th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment) who died on 27 May 1918 Age 23

Son of Edward and Agnes Kewley, of 26, Buckland St., St. Michael's, Liverpool.

A DEVOTED SON A TRUE SOLDIER FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH A AND E. KEWLEY

Remembered with Honour

BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY

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