



History: KS2

Histories in the Headstones Soldiers buried at Lye and Wollescote Cemetery

Private Harry Deeley
5th Bttn. Worcestershire Regiment
Died 20th November 1915 aged 30

Harry Deeley was born at Shepherd's Brook, Lye in 1886. He had been a pre-war regular soldier with the Worcestershire Regiment and was recalled to serve when war was announced. The Battalion sailed for Boulogne in August 1914 and they were engaged in action at the Battle of Mon and Festubert.

He was injured and returned home on 14th May 1915. Once at home he was taken seriously ill and underwent an operation. Following a period of recuperation he was sent to Plymouth and undertook officers' mess duties. He died 6 weeks later and his body was returned to Lye in November.

Research Questions:

1. Read the extract from the Newspaper dated 28th May 1915. Rewrite a report of the events and Private Deeley's life.
2. How could you find out more information about the life of Private Deeley using primary sources?

3. Find out more about the 5th Battalion and Private Deeley's involvement in the First World War

Information taken from "The Lost Twenty-Nine" by Jean Weston and Marlene Price