



## History: KS2

### Histories in the Headstones Soldiers buried at Lye and Wollescote Cemetery

**Private Harry Deeley**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Bttn. Worcestershire Regiment**  
**Died 20<sup>th</sup> November 1915 aged 30**

Extract taken from County Express

*“Lye Soldier's Sufferings.*

*Critical Surgical Operation*

*Whilst Still Suffering from Wounds.*

*It was visiting day at Corbett Hospital...the wife and mother of a LYE SOLDIER, Pte Harry Deeley...They found him cheerful and recovering from the second terrible physical ordeal he has been called on to face since as a reservist he re-joined the colours last August. The first of these was on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> when his left arm was smashed by the explosion of a shrapnel shell during the fighting on the Aisne.....*

*To a County Express representative Pte Deeley told the story of his experiences.....Asked if his arm had now recovered he said he still had it bandaged and showed that it was 1 ½ inches shorter than the right arm. He can use it but a little. At the same time he is cheerful; not even the latest ordeal has broken the spirit of steel which is the glory of the British Tommy.”*

*“Military Funeral at Lye*

*On Thursday the funeral took place at Lye Cemetery of Pte Harry Deeley of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worcesters...The deceased was a reservist and leaves a widow and three children...The body was brought home on Monday – many people watched the funeral procession.”*