

Bramcote's WW1 Heroes Who saved our Country

Another Bramcote soldier lies dead, this time by the name of Harry Bucklesby Batram. He was a valued member of the Royal Horse Artillery, and in his short time as a soldier, worked his way up to becoming a captain. He served in the British expeditionary force, meaning he fought very close to the start of the war; in neutral Belgium, and therefore largely helped the British war effort, by repelling the early German attacks. Today we will be exploring his honourable and triumph filled life, and his short time as a soldier. Because here at The Bramcote Times, we believe it is important to commemorate and preserve those who gave their lives for our safety and our country.

Harry served as a captain in the Royal Horse Artillery, within the British expeditionary force, and was amongst the first army to enter battle, proving his honour and commitment to his country. It was in 1914, the year when the war began that he was rushed to Belgium, in order to fight the forthcoming German invasion on France. It was on the 4th of August that the fighting began. Not even a loving wife and 2 kids and another impending child could stop this remarkable man from contributing towards the war, as he knows he is fighting for them as well. Furthermore he braved an unthinkable 36 hours without food, which eventually led to his downfall. His sad and early passing, happened on the 28th of August 1914 in the Dover Saint Mary Hospital and was caused by his lack of food intake, meaning that effectively he died because of his own sacrifices for his country.

In order to mourn and remember Harry, we interviewed his wife, Alice, allowing us to find out more about his life. She states "He was a very caring Father, always keeping the kids happy, I just wish he would come home it is not the same without him." It was at this point that she burst out into tears and was unable to speak clearly. We gave her time to compose herself, after which she simply says "he was an amazing man who I will remember forever." it is clear that Harry, who was a member of our very town, has had a massive impact on many people's lives. His children seemed equally upset to his wife, and therefore were disallowed to cooperate by their mother.

From this article, and the interview with Harry's wife, we can conclude that even the lesser known men of the war are still heroes. whether it be via fathering or the war itself, Harry in particular has proved to be an amazing and loved man, who fought honourably for his country.



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