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Bramcote Mourns Local Hero



Richard Hallam: 1879 – 1918, A Local Hero, Dearly Missed.

Richard Hallam was born in 1879 to George and Elizabeth Hallam, housed comfortably in Stapleford. In June 1914 he met and married his sweet hearted, beautiful Hannah Edwards. Richard and Hannah had son, named George William. Richard was not permitted to join the army at the outbreak of the Great War as a result of him being

below standard military height. However, with the increasing demand for more men on the field, and for the Kitchener's Army, the Bantam battalions were formed. The Bantam battalions were made up of men, although very fit, were below the usual military service height of 5'3". The 15th Battalion Sherwood Foresters accepted Richard in early March 1915. He first saw action in France on 1st February 1916.

His Contribution

Richard Hallam's bravery and ingenuity were deciding factors in the defence of Somme as the Germans launched a devastating attack known as Kaiserschlacht, aiming to finish off the exhausted British Fifth army for good. However, Richard's fantastic tactics

helped the British and French along to a miraculous victory. Thanks to his incredible gun skill he got numerous kills to his name, defending his allies in the process.

The Victory Did Wonders For Morale



His Death

The unfortunate death of this local hero took place on the 22nd of march 1918 during a relentless assault on the trench he was serving. He was killed in action as a result of a swarm of the enemy bombarding his position, taking

many a German with him. In memory of his service Hallam's widow, Hannah, changed her sons name from George to Dick.

