

RIP Richard



On this day 95 years ago, World War 1 ended. Although it is over we have still lost people we loved. A man called Richard Hallam lived in our town and whilst helping with the war lost his life. Today we would like you to celebrate his life.

Just under 100 years ago World War 1 started, out of the 7000 people who lived in Bramcote 90 young men volunteered to fight for Britain. 7 of those didn't return, 7 of those 90 lost their lives and we should celebrate in the remembrance of those 7.

Richard Hallam, born in 1879, was the 2nd eldest child of George and Elizabeth Hallam. He was the husband of Hannah Edwards, with whom he had a son named George William Hallam.

After his late father's death, George was renamed Dick, in Memory of Richard, until he died in 1989. Richard Hallam's service number is 24116

Hallam fought with the 15th Battalion of Sherwood Foresters. Along with his battalion Hallam fought at many places including the battle of Somme and were there when the enemy launched 'Kaiserschlacht'.

Their battalion was full of people who weren't military standard (most under 5'3"). Due to this Richard Hallam was unable to go to war and fight to begin with. Instead he continued work at Stanton Iron Works.

Sadly Richard was killed in action on the 22nd March 1918 during an attack in the trenches at Curlwood whilst serving with the HQ company of the 15th Battalion.

He is buried in Somme, France. Also his name is displayed at the Bramcote Memorial Church. May he rest in peace.