

CROSSLEY Frank



Guillemont Road Cemetery

Private Frank Crossley – 24298
19th Btn King's (Liverpool) Regiment Pals Regiment

Frank was killed in action in 1916 on 30th July aged 20 and is buried at Guillemont Road Cemetery together with 2259 British fallen. Guillemont was an important point in the German defences at the beginning of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

Frank Crossley was the son of John and Minnie Crossley. The 1911 Census records that he was one of fourteen children, all alive. He attended Willaston School and after leaving worked as a butcher's errand boy. His father managed a fruit market garden. He is remembered in the Scout's poem written in honour of Bertie Maiden when he was awarded the Military Medal.

Other information

1911 Census

Place of birth – Willaston

Address – Hooton Road

Father – John Crossley Employment – Managed fruit market (garden)

Place of birth – Littleboro Lancs

Mother - Minnie Connell Crossley

Siblings – 14 – all alive in 1911

Daughters– Edith - aged 19 in 1911 born Liverpool

Ida - aged 16 in 1911 Born in Willaston –Student at evening class

Son William- aged 13 - student Rest of siblings born in Willaston

Bertie - aged 12 in 1911at School

Percy - aged 10 in 1911at School

Joseph - aged 9 in 1911at School

Daughter Rita – aged 7 at school

Sons Alan – aged 6 at school Roy Guisepppe – aged 4

Robert Cecil – aged 3 Edmond – aged 1

Infant – 1 month, not named

1914 Electoral Roll: John Crossley, Hooton Road, dwelling house