In memory of

Rifleman

Samuel Cordner

2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles
Service No: 6283

Killed in Action on the 18/08/1918 at the Left Brigade Front Line Sector at the Advance in Flanders, age 31. Son of George Cordner and Annie Stewart Cordner (1847 - 08/05/1924) of 19 Gregg St, Lisburn, Co. Antrim. Husband of Jeanie Thomson Cordner (29/08/1889 -) of 38c Ronald St, Coatbridge. Father of 3 children - George born 21/05/1911, Mary born 23/04/1913 and William born 20/11/1916. Samuel's older brother Rifleman George Cordner (17478) of the 11th (Service) Battalion (South Antrim Volunteers) Royal Irish Rifles died on the 16/02/1917 when he was knocked down by a motor lorry at Donegall Quay, Belfast the evening before whilst of leave. He is buried at home in the Lisburn Cemetery (see Newspaper clippings x 2 from the Belfast Newsletter regarding George's death and inquest and 1 from the Lisburn Standard). He is NOT on the Coatbridge Memorial. Samuel's wife Jeanie lost her brother Gunner William J Thomson (72615) who was Killed in Action on the 18/05/1916. At 9.55 pm his Battery had fired off a good many shells when one burst prematurely just outside his gun wounding him just under the heart. He was injured severely and never regained consciousness (see Directory for William's page). From the 1901 Ireland Census - Address - 10 Canal St, Lisburn - George Cordner aged 54, Annie Cordner aged 54, Rosena Cordner aged 18, James Cordner aged 22, George Cordner aged 20, Samuel Cordner aged 14. From the 1911 Ireland Census - Address - 17 Gregg St, Lisburn - Annie Cordner aged 68, George Cordner aged 31 (Flax Sorter), Rosina Cordner aged 27 (Linen Weaver). Samuel's Pension was awarded to his wife Jeanie on the 12/03/1919. Samuel's 3 children are also listed. Jeannie later married Douglas McNeill and became Mrs Jeannie McNeill of Main St, Chapelhall, Airdrie. His brother George's Pension was claimed by his mother Annie of 19 Gregg St, Lisburn, Co. Antrim but was refused. Record states refusal was because George was 'Killed whilst not on military duty'. Employment was Locomotive Stoker, Summerlee, Coatbridge.





Buried/remembered at Bertenacre Military Cemetery (I. D. 10), Nord, France.

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