## Private 17768 Harold Gay Age 19 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers

Killed in Action Saturday, November 20, 1915, most likely in local operations in the Voormezeele/St Eloi area of the Ypres Salient Front

## Buried in Voormezeele, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Commemorated on Harthill and Kiveton Park Colliery War Memorials

Son of Martha Ann Tyler, (nee Gay), Firvale, Harthill. Harold was born 21<sup>st</sup> December 1895 at Attercliffe, Sheffield. Prior to joining the Northumberland Fusiliers, Harold worked underground at Kiveton Park Colliery as a pit pony driver.



## Worksop Guardian - December 10th 1915 - "Private Harold Gay

News was received on Friday morning by the parents of Private Harold Gay, that their son had been killed in action in France on November 20<sup>th</sup> last. Private Gay belonged to 'W' Company of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and was 20 years of age.

He enlisted just over six months ago, prior to which he was employed at the Kiveton Park Colliery.

Pte. Gay lived at Firvale, two doors away from where Pte. George Waplington, reported missing, resided. Much sympathy is expressed with Pte. Gay's parents in their sore trial."