

## STANLEY BURNETT KAY

1914-15 Star	Capt.S.B.KAY. York:R.
British War Medal Allied Victory Medal	Capt.S.B.KAY.

Army Medal Office rolls confirm the award of his medals, adding *Died 28-1-18*. On the reverse of the MIC his father's address is given as High Mead, Wood Lane, Headingley, Leeds

He was born 23 December 1891 at 28 Norwood Terrace, Headingley, Leeds, the son of Stanley Robert Kay, a mining engineer, and his wife Hettie (nee Tidswell). His forenames were originally registered as Frederick William Stanley Burnett, but these were changed after registration to Stanley Burnett.

He applied for a temporary commission, from the University of Leeds, 18 August 1914. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant 12 September 1914, Lieutenant 19 November 1914, and Captain 13 March 1915.

He was recorded by Wylly as one of the original officers of 7/Yorkshire Regiment in November 1914.

He was twice wounded. First, at Dickebusch, 14 February 1916, when a fragment of shell went through his right lower leg. The battalion war diary recorded: '*About 5 pm small HE and a few shrapnel began to fall in DICKEBUSCH, which the leading Coy was first leaving. Capt S B KAY and 2 Lt L A D DAVID were wounded, neither seriously.*' According to a letter he sent to the War Office (3 June) he was hospitalised until 21 March, and was not at that time passed fit for general service.

Second, 5 November 1916, at Le Transloy (according to his own letter to the War Office), when gunshot wounds broke his right forearm and left leg. The war diary recorded: '*During...the shelling of our trenches Capt S B KAY was wounded...*' He was in hospital until 21 June 1917, the wound in his arm resulting in the contraction of the fingers of the right hand, rendering his right hand useless, and making him unfit for anything other than home service.

He died on 28 January 1918 at 106 Marina, St Leonards-On-Sea, having (according to his death certificate) '*accidentally shot himself with a revolver causing laceration of the brain*'. This was the outcome of an inquest held on 30 January. According to the inquest report he was attached to the Royal Flying Corps as an instructor in photography.

His obituary in the *Green Howards Gazette* recorded that he was educated at Leeds Grammar School, and entered his father's business as a mining and civil engineer in Leeds.

In the probate of his will, his estate was valued as £869 6s 2d.

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