



Lance Sergeant James Sadler 2633
South Staffordshire Regiment
1st/6th (TF) Battalion

Killed in Action
at Gommecourt Wood
1st July 1916 Age 30



Next of Kin: Husband of Louie Maria Sadler,
14 Inhedge, Upper Gornal, Staffs.

Born: Oct/Nov/Dec Quarter 1885, Sedgley.
Parents: Richard & Eliza Sadler, 8 Mill Bank Road, Sedgley.
Siblings: One of 11 children. Seven survived in 1911:
Sarah Ellen; William (died 1887); Richard; Joseph;
Susannah; Mary & Benjamin.
Married: Louie Maria Nicholls
Jan/Feb/Mar Quarter 1910.
Children: Ernest born 1910; James born 1912
& Lily born 1915.

Brother of Bombardier Joseph Sadler 32057
War Memorial All Saints' Church, Sedgley.

Occupation:
1901 Foundry Hand.
1911 White Stone Miner (Loader).

Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial, France.
Reference: Pier & Face 7B



Commemorated Locally:
War Memorial All Saints' Church, Sedgley.
War Memorial St Peter's Church, Upper Gornal.

Gommecourt was the site of a supplementary operation on 1st July 1916, aiming to draw some German reserves from the main Somme offensive and to try to eliminate a German Salient here, centred on Gommecourt Wood. The wire in front of the German trenches had not been cut by the barrage, and although a few of the 1/6th South Staffordshire's did get into the enemy's front-line trenches, they were driven back with significant losses.

