

Bertie SANDS



Born: 1897 in Ayrshire, Scotland

Parents: Father: John (born c.1861 in Gressenhall)

Mother: Alice E (born c.1874 in Thorpe Hamlet)

Siblings: John (born 1898 in Ayrshire) **served in WW1**

Louisa Sands (born c.1899 in Kirby Bedon)

Ada Sands (born c.1902 in Kirby Bedon)

George Sands (born c.1904 in Kirby Bedon)

Charles Sands (born c.1907 in Kirby Bedon)

James Sands (born c.1909 in Kirby Bedon)

Marriage: None

1901 census: Aged 4, living at Loddon Road, Kirby Bedon
Father's occupation listed as Gamekeeper

1911 census: Aged 14 and occupation listed as House-Boy
(domestic), living at The Thatch, Thorpe St Andrew,
Norwich with his employers George and Agnes Glover

Death: 2nd February 1926, aged 29

Burial: St Peter's Churchyard, Neatishead

Military & War service:

Lance Corporal 13783 Norfolk Regiment

Wounded:

(Source: Norfolk Regimental Museum Casualty Book (ref 77A & 89B):-

13783 Bertie Sands. Bullet wound. Military Hospital
endell Street, wc 16.08.1916. Gunshot wound arm ser 2nd
Hospital Abbeville 08.06.1916

Medals:

Victory, British, 1914-15 Star, Military Medal

Source: *The North Walsham & District Parish Magazine:-*

DECEMBER, 1916.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to **Lc.Corporal Bertie Sands** on his winning the Military Medal for bravery in the field. It is the first Military honour in the war won for Neatishead and we thank him heartily. Since writing the above, we are pleased to be able to welcome home, and are glad to know that he is recovering although slowly, from his severe wounds.

JANUARY, 1918.

Sunday, December 16th, was a red-letter day in our parish, when, at a crowded meeting in the School-room, **Lance Corporals Sands** and Blackburn were each the recipient of a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, and an illuminated address from the parish, in token of its appreciation of the honour paid to them by their King and country for bravery on the field of action. General Hickie, after expressing his pleasure at being asked to come, made the presentation, and in doing so heartily congratulated the lads on their gallantry.

THE LATE MR. BERTIE SANDS.

FUNERAL AT NEATISHEAD.

Deep regret is felt in Neatishead and district at the death, after a brief illness, of Mr. Bertie Sands. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sands, and was amongst the first batch of boys to leave Neatishead for the front at the commencement of the war, joining the 8th Norfolk, and serving with distinction, gaining the Military Medal, and receiving severe wounds. Deceased was also well known as a footballer, having played for several seasons with Wroxham and Neatishead. The funeral took place at Neatishead on Saturday, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. J. R. Keech. During the service the hymns "Thy will be done" and "Jesu, Lover of my soul" were sung. The coffin, which was draped with a Union Jack, was inscribed, "Bertie Sands, died February 2nd, 1926, aged 29 years."