

STEPHEN RICHARD FOX

1912–26.4.1940 aged 28 years

Captain 58170 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry



Stephen was the son of Leslie Crofton and Violet Helen Mary Fox, of 317 Leake Road Ridgeway Gotham. He was killed in action in the defence of Norway at Kvam. Kvam was the scene of bitter fighting by troops of the 15th Infantry Brigade during the withdrawal of Allied forces in central Norway in April 1940. The 1st Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and the 1st Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment held positions in this area from 24-28 April against fierce enemy land and air attacks and those who were killed in action during the last week of April are buried in a collective grave in Kvam Churchyard. Kvam Churchyard contains 54 Commonwealth burials. An investigation undertaken by Commission staff in 1999 resulted in the identification of the 15 servicemen originally buried here as unidentified.