



POST CODE: B63 2UP

ADDRESS: Cradley Cemetery, Homer Hill Road, Cradley

GPS Location: N. 52.46423513 W. -2.08971941

Memorial Location: In former non-conformist section



## JONES James Sydney

Sergeant No 177 16<sup>th</sup> Bn, Royal Wrks [d.10-05-1917].

James was born in Cradley Heath and enlisted at Birmingham into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment before being **sent to France & Flanders. He was** killed in action at Oppy Wood on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1917 and his name appears on the Arras memorial.

The following was reported by the *County Express*:-

### Cradley Sergeant Falls

*Sergt. (Acting Sergt-Major) James Jones, Royal Warwicks, fourth son of Mr. James Jones, of Netherend, Cradley, was killed in action on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. He was nearly 25 years old. Capt Sayer writes to his father:- "He was acting sergt-major at the time, and a 5.9in. shell struck company headquarters killing your son amongst several others. He is a great loss to the company in which he was my right hand man. His death formed the end of a fine story of unswerving determination and devotion to duty". Deceased had played football for Brierley Hill and Stourbridge. His brother, David, who enlisted with him, has been discharged, having been severely wounded in the arm, and gassed.*

He is also remembered on the grave his parents James and Mary Jones in Cradley Cemetery.

