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The Western Front Association

Remembering one of Gloucestershire's Fallen



Private James Stanley Young (303170)  
Manchester Regiment

**James Stanley Young** (known as Stanley or Stan) was born in 1889, the son of Thomas and Fanny Young of Church Road, Cinderford. Stanley Young spent some of his childhood in Tamworth before the family returned to Cinderford. He attended Double View Secondary School in the town and afterwards took up employment in a local colliery. He was an outstanding rugby player, playing for Cinderford, Cheltenham, and Gloucester before he left to work in the coal mines of Abertillery and continue his playing career there.

It was from Abertillery that he was signed to play professional rugby league for Warrington in 1913. Before leaving Abertillery he married Rosaline Elizabeth Wood and the newly-married couple set up home in Stockton Heath, Warrington. Stanley gave up coal mining and

became a grocer as well as playing for Warrington. He made his debut for Warrington on 29 November 1913 and made a total of 60 appearances for the club, as a half back, between 1913 and 1915, scoring two tries.

He joined the Army in Warrington on 6 October 1916 as Gunner 161530 Royal Field Artillery, before transferring to the Manchester Regiment as Private 303170.

Private Stanley Young was killed in action on 18 April 1918, aged 29 years, whilst attached to 127<sup>th</sup> Light Trench Mortar Battery. He left a widow and three children. He was buried at Philasophe British Cemetery, Mazigarbe. He is also remembered on Cinderford town war memorial.