Paul Asquith





Rank: - Private

Number: - 43050

Regiment: - West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) 2nd Battalion

Missing, presumed Killed in Action: - 16/08/1917 Age: 25 years

Memorial: - Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium Panel 42 to 47 and 162.

Batley News, 22 Sep 1917, 20 Jul 1918

Family Details

Paul was born in Batley in c.1892 the son of Walter Asquith and Ruth Asquith nee Hepworth who had married on 20th September 1879 at St. Peters Church, Birstall.

Rupert was born in 1882 followed by Booth, 1884 and Mary, 1889. Sadly Walter died on the 16th January 1901 and the family was living at 2, Hillary Street, Staincliffe, Dewsbury in 1901 when the census was taken. Within the next decade Ruth Mary and Paul had moved to live at William Street, Staincliffe and Paul was an apprentice in the rag trade. His mother, Ruth, died in 1915.

On the 22nd March 1916 Paul married Beatrice Alice Wood at St. Barnabus Church, Hightown when his occupation was given as a rag merchant and the couple went to live at 1, Rayners Avenue, Hightown.

Service Details

Paul enlisted in the West Yorkshire Regiment at Heckmondwike. The 2nd Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment came under the orders of 23rd Brigade in 8th Division.

In 1917they fought at
The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line
The Battle of Pilkem 31st July -2nd August
The Battle of Langemarck 16th-18th August
the last two battles being phases of the Third Battle of Ypres

Paul was missing on the first day of the Battle of Langemarck.

Paul is remembered with Honour at Upper Chapel, Heckmondwike and Batley War Memorial.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.



Researched by members of Batley History Group