Frederick Auty







Rank: - Private

Number: - 16485

Regiment: - East Riding Yeomanry Corps of Lancers

Died at sea (torpedoed): - 10th October 1918 aged 19 years

Cemetery: - Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Republic of Ireland Pres 92

Family Details

Fred was born about 1899 in Batley Carr and was the eldest son of John Alfred and Annie Eliza Auty (nee Bryan) and he was baptised at Holy Trinity, Batley Carr on 1st November 1899 when the family, which included Fred's sister Ellen (b1898), was living in High Street and John Alfred was a weaver. By the time of the 1901 census the family had moved to 3, Back High Street, Batley Carr.

Alfred was born in 1902 followed by James (1904), Alice (1906), and William 1908 when the family lived at 5, Warwick Road, Batley. In 1911 the family was living in a three roomed home at 64, Warwick Road when John Alfred gave his occupation as a tuner of fast looms.

Fred attended Warwick Road School and Broomhill Chapel where he was a Sunday school teacher. Before enlisting he was a twister at Messrs. Wilson Bros. Orme Mills, Clerk Green, Batley where his father also worked.

Service Details.

Frederick joined the Forces in January 1918 and went to Ireland for training. He was there for a few months before coming home on leave aboard the Irish mail steamer "Leinster" when it was torpedoed by the Germans. He was expected home at the time the boat went down but did not arrive, nor was there any news of him. Eventually his parents received a letter from his captain

"I very much regret to inform you of the death of your son, who was in this regiment. He proceeded on leave and I now hear that he went down with the Leinster. On behalf of the Commanding Officer, N.C.O.'s and men of his Company I send you our most sincere sympathy. If I can obtain any further particulars I will write at once."

Frederick is remembered with Honour at Broomhill Methodist Chapel, Warwick Road School Diary and Batley War Memorial.



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