Fred Avison



Rank: - Private

Number: - 48096

Regiment: - West Yorkshire (Prince of Wales' Own) formerly 6102/310761 Durham Light Infantry)

Died of illness: - 27th May 1918

Cemetery: - Batley, Yorkshire E 226

Batley News, 1 Jun 1918 (classifieds). Batley Reporter, 20 Apr 1917

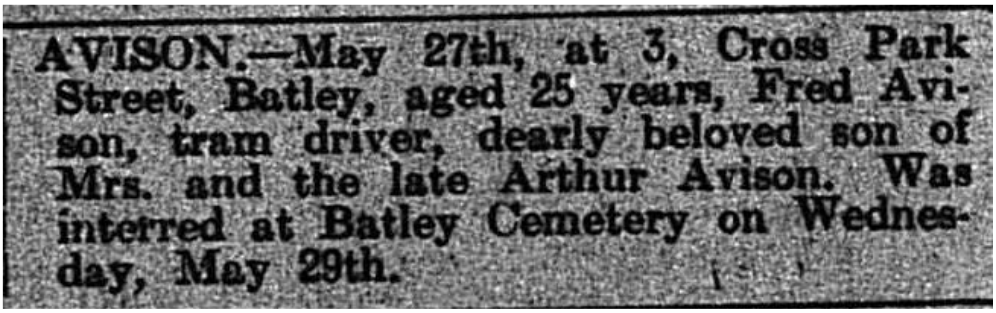
Family Details

Fred was born in Batley in 1893 the son of Arthur and Annie Elizabeth Avison (nee Sheard) who had married in 1879. In 1891 the family was living at 7, Park Road with siblings Herbert (1880-1893), Hetty (1882-1948), Charles (1883) and Arthur (1887-1897). Benjamin Sheard Avison had been born in 1895 but sadly died aged 22 months in May 1897 and Mary Jane had been born in 1889 but sadly died aged 15 months in 1890.

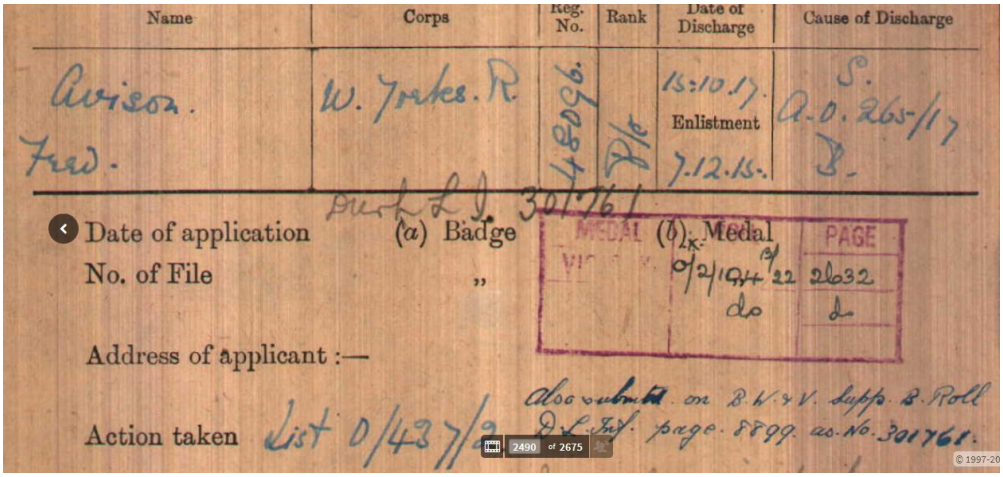
In 1901 the family had moved to live at Cross Park Street. They now included Fred (1893), Laura Annie (1895) and Edith (1897) but their father Arthur who had been a shopkeeper, had died in March 1898 when the family lived at 1, Park Road. Laura Annie died in 1905.

Arthur (senior) had for many years lived at Nelson of the Nile Lodge of Freemasons at Park Road and was a respected member of the Lodge and died the year that he had been installed as Worshipful Master. He had joined the Lodge in 1882 when he was a clerk living at Bath Street, Batley.

The 1911 census shows that Arthur and Annie had nine children but five had died. Fred was working as a painter for a tramway company.



AVISON.—May 27th, at 3, Cross Park Street, Batley, aged 25 years, Fred Avison, tram driver, dearly beloved son of Mrs. and the late Arthur Avison. Was interred at Batley Cemetery on Wednesday, May 29th.



Name	Corps	Reg. No.	Rank	Date of Discharge	Cause of Discharge
Avison. Fred.	W. Yorks. R.	48096.	P/c	15.10.17. Enlistment 7.12.15.	S. A.O. 265/17 B.

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Service Details

Fred enlisted on the 7th December 1915. He was at home from 26th May 1916 going to France on the 7th October 1916 but he was not in the best of health when he joined the Forces and returned to England on the 15th November moving to the Reserves on 22nd April 1917. He was then employed as a tramway driver for Leeds City Tramways, Leeds. He was discharged on the 15th October 1917 saying that his illness was aggravated but not caused by active service.

His brother, Charles, had died from wounds on 17th April 1917.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Zion Methodist Chapel, Batley and Batley War Memorial.



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