Gilbert Barraclough



Rank: - Private

Number: - 28297

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry "C" Coy 1st Battalion

Killed in Action: - 3rd October 1918 aged 23 years

Cemetery: - Templeux-le-Guerard British Cemetery, Somme, France 1.J.3

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Batley Reporter, 3 Oct 1919

Family Details

Gilbert was born in Batley in c.1895 the son of George and Elizabeth Barraclough nee Hepworth, who had married on 26th May 1895 at Batley Parish Church.

In 1901 he was living at 1, Alliance Avenue, Batley with his parents and younger brother Stanley born 1898. Within the next decade they had moved to live at Yard 1, Wellington Street, Batley later moving to 18, Hanover Street. His father was a woollen spinner. In 1911 Gilbert was working as a woollen piecener.

Service Details

Gilbert enlisted at Batley but his records have not survived although because of his medals we know he did not serve abroad before 1916. From the 16th July 1918 the 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry was attached to the 151st Brigade in 50th (Northumbrian) Division.

The Division had taken part in the three great battles against the German offensives of 1918. It had suffered heavy casualties and was exhausted. A decision was taken to rebuild the Division. The original infantry units left and others arrived to take their place. It was not until October that the Division was once again considered to take the field.

They fought at the Battles of the Hindenburg Line which were: - the Battle of the St Quentin Canal (29 September -2nd October)
the Battle of the Beaurevoir Line (3rd -6th October)

In the Batley Reporter dated 3rd October 1919 the family placed a Memoriam

BARRACLOUGH –In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. Gilbert Barraclough, who was reported killed, October 3rd 1918, near Le Catelet.

From, Father, Mother and Brother Stanley.

Gilbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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