Percy Beaumont





Rank: - Private

Number: - 143098

Regiment: - Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 4th Coy

Killed in Action: - 15th April 1918 aged 27 years

Memorial: - Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium Panel 11

Batley News, 11 May 1918 (photo)

Family Details

Percy was born in Birstall 1891 the son of Henry and Elizabeth Beaumont nee Wright.

In 1901 he was living at 31, Cobbler Hill, Birstall with his parents and siblings Sarah Jane 1888, George 1896 and William 27/2/1900 and Henry was employed as a coal miner hewer. His other siblings were Harriet 5/11/1884, George Henry 17/1/1887, Herbert 14/12/1893, Mary Ann10/1/1898, Walter 23/8/1902, Doris7/12/1910 who died aged 3 months.

In 1911 his parents were living with their younger children at 3, Sands Folds, Low Lane, Birstall. The census shows that four of their ten children had died in infancy.

As a boy Percy attended Birstall National Day School and was associated with the Wesleyan Chapel. Later he was a well-known member of Birstall Working Men's Club and before the war worked at White Lee Colliery.

Percy was living at 4, North Terrace, Birstall with his paternal uncle and aunt Charles and Elizabeth Ramsbottom nee Beaumont and was working as a coal miner bye worker.

On the 23rd December 1911 he married Bertha Spencer at St. Mary's Church, Gomersal. Lilian was born in 1914 and Harry in 1917. They lived at Blackburn Road, Birstall and later Gomersal.

Service Details

Percy enlisted at Cleckheaton in November 1914 and went to the Balkans on the 7th July 1915.

He was wounded in Gallipoli and returned home, later going to France where he was wounded another three times. He went back to France for the fifth time at Christmas 1917.

A Captain wrote to say he had been killed in action on 15th April 1917.

In the same week this news was received his mother learned that George, also of the M.G.C. was in hospital second time he had been gassed after being in the Army for three years. He also had worked at White Lee Colliery before the war.

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