Edmund Broadbent





Rank: - Private

Number: - 39751

Regiment: - South Wales Borderers (Formerly 67023 Royal Welsh Fusiliers) 2nd Battalion

Killed in Action: - 16/08/1917 Age: 36 years

Memorial: - Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium Panel 65-66

Batley News, 1 Sep 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Edmund was born in Churwell on the 29th March 1881 the son of William and Hannah Broadbent (nee Garside). He was baptised at St. Luke's Church, Holbeck on 11th September 1881 when the family lived at Beeston Hill and his father was employed as an engineman.

When the 1881 census was taken William and Hannah were living at Elland Road, Beeston with their children Henry 1868, Alice 1871, Alfred 1874, Arthur 1877 and Edmund aged 1 month. William gave his occupation as a coal miner and engine driver. Ernest was born in Churwell in 1884 but the family had moved to live at Deighton Lane, Batley before the 1891 census was taken. William gave his occupation as an engine tenter at a coal pit.

Edmund attended Staincliffe C. of E. School.

Before 1901 the family had moved to 45, Clerk Green and Edmund was working as a musician on his own account. The family moved to live at 79, Brookroyd Lane before 1911 and his brothers Arthur and Ernest were by this time also musicians and both were employed as musicians in a theatre.

Edmund married Maria Buckle in 1910 at Bramley and Ernest was born in 1911 in Oldham. Edmund was a success in his career as he was living in a six roomed home at 37, Churchill Street, Oldham with his wife and child and his occupation was musical director in a theatre. He would have been the musical director of the orchestra at Oldham Empire.

Service Details

Edmund enlisted in March 1917 and served in France from June 1917.

The Battle of Langemarck (16-18 August) was fought near Ypres and Edmund was killed on the first day of this battle.

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



Edmund is remembered with Honour at St. Saviour's Brownhill; Staincliffe C. of E. Junior School and Batley War Memorial.