Herbert Stanley Brown



Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 113857

Regiment: - Royal Garrison Artillery 294th Siege Battery

Died: - 23rd February 1920 aged 30

Cemetery: - Batley, Yorkshire F324

Batley News, 28 Feb 1920 (classifieds)

Family Details

Herbert Stanley was born in Batley around 1889 the youngest child of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Brown (nee Lobley.)

In 1881 the couple with their children Carrie (1871), Gertrude (187), Walton (1874), Lizzie (1876), Horace Lobley (1878) and Maud (1881) were living at Railway Terrace, Brownhill.

Bradford born Joseph was a wool sorter.

Within the next decade the family moved to live at Providence Terrace, Batley with the additions of Norman Ewart (1883), Minnie Sarah (1885) and Herbert Stanley. When the 1891 census was taken Walton and Sarah Elizabeth were patients at the Ida Hospital, Cookridge, Leeds and Carrie, the eldest daughter, was in the Dewsbury Union Workhouse

In 1901 when the census was taken the family was living at 38, Victoria Street, Carlinghow but Joseph was a patient in Leeds Infirmary.

Joseph died in August 1904 at Bromley Street, Hanging Heaton, Sarah Elizabeth had moved to 21, Queen Street, Batley before her death in June 1907.

Herbert Stanley married Amy Whitehead at Batley Parish Church on 11th June 1910 giving his address as 21, Queen Street, Batley and his occupation as a commercial traveller. Amy was the daughter of a veterinary surgeon.

In 1911 the couple, with her widowed father, lived at Bankfoot House, Batley, their son George Herbert, born 18th August 1910 and a servant. Things had certainly looked up for George.

Kathleen Mary was born on 8th February 1915.

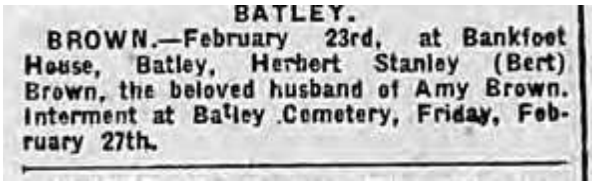
Service Details

Herbert Stanley enlisted on the 7th December 1915 into the "B" Reserves and was mobilized on the 14th August 1916 to No.4 Depot of the Royal. Garrison Artillery. His records state he was 5feet 9 inches tall and weighed 133 pounds. He was posted to the 232nd Siege Battery on the 1st September 1916. He was sent with the British Expeditionary Force to France on the 18th January 1917 but was only there for 88 days before returning to England on 16th April 1917. This

was because he was wounded in his right arm on the 9th April 1917 and was taken to the 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester where he remained until the 16th July 1917.

He was serving in England until 13th October when he returned to France serving for only 87 days before returning to England on the 8th January 1918being taken the Belmont Road Hospital, Liverpool because he had been gassed.

He was in hospital for several months before being discharged because he was unfit to serve on the 12th June 1918.



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BROWN.—February 23rd, at Bankfoot House, Batley, Herbert Stanley (Bert) Brown, the beloved husband of Amy Brown. Interment at Batley Cemetery, Friday, February 27th.

Herbert Stanley was awarded the British War Medal, Victory Medal and the Silver War Badge.

He is remembered with Honour at Cross Bank Methodist Church and Batley War Memorial.



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