Harry Bullock



Rank: - Ex-Gunner

Number: - 218532 or 362792

Regiment: - Royal Garrison Artillery

Died at home: - 03/04/1922 Age: 34 years

Cemetery: - Batley Yorkshire O .35

Batley News, 25 Aug 1917, 8 Apr 1922 (classifieds). Batley Reporter, 24 Aug 1917

Family Details

Harry was born in Batley in c.1887 the son of Giles and Martha Bullock (nee Gott, m. 25 Dec 1878, Staincliffe Christ Church) of Upper North Street, Batley.

In 1891 Harry was living with his parents and maternal grandma at 34, Providence Street, Batley. His father was a joiner. Within the next decade the family had moved to live at 19, Upper North Street, Mount Pleasant. Harry was the only surviving child from six Children born alive to the couple. Jane Ann born 1880 died aged 9 months, Joseph born August 1883 only survived 15 minutes, Emma born 1885 died in January 1888 aged 2 years and 11 months, Herbert 1892 died in February 1893 aged 11 months.

On the 24th December 1910 Harry married Ethel Richardson at St. Philip the Apostle Church (Mission), Dewsbury. Robert was born in 1912 and Annie in 1914.

Prior to enlisting Harry worked for Messrs J. Blackburn and Co. New Ing Mills, Batley. The family lived at 1, Wheatcroft, Batley.

His father Giles died in August 1918.

Service Details

Harry enlisted around August 1916 and went to France in May 1917.

In August 1917 his parents received a postcard from Harry saying he was in hospital in France because he had been gassed. A Chaplain wrote later to say he was improving and hoping to be about again in a little while.

Harry did come home but the effects of the gas shortened his life and he never fully recovered and died at home on the 22nd April 1922.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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