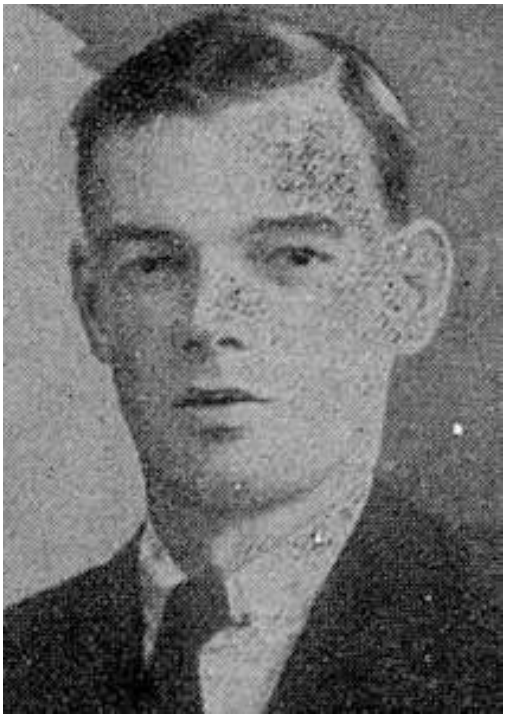
# Joseph William Clough





Batley News, 15 Mar 1941 (photo)

Joseph William was born in Batley on 1 Jan 1893 the son of George Henry and Bessy Clough (nee Asquith who had married on 12 Jul 1890 at All Saints Church, Batley). Sarah Ann was born in 1891 but sadly died in August 1895, Joseph William, Mary followed in 1895 followed by Timothy 1897, Philomon Asquith 1900 and Alice 1903. The family in 1911 lived at 62, Occupation Lane, Batley and Joseph was working as a job-a-lad.

Joseph served with the KOYLI in World War 1 and was wounded at Thiepval. He later served with the Royal Engineers until the Armistice. His father died in April

1929 and his mother in September 1935. He worked at Messrs. J.T. & J. Taylor's, Cheapside Mill, Batley, enlisting in November 1939 with the 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment and went to France in January 1940. He still lived at Occupation Lane, Batley where he had grown up.

In June 1940 he was posted missing and it was not until May 1941 that his family learned that he had been killed in action and buried on 21 April 1940 at Albert Communal Cemetery on the Somme, France.

Joseph was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal.



**BURIED IN FRANCE.**

**Official News of a Staincliffe Soldier.**

Official news has been received this week that Private J. W. Clough, a well-known Staincliffe man serving with the 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, reported missing last June, is now known to have been killed in action. He was buried on April 20th last year at Albert on the Somme.

Private Clough served with the K.O.Y.L.I. in the war of 1914—18 and was wounded at Thiepval. Later he was

The Late Private W. J. Clough.

transferred to Royal Engineers, with whom he served until the Armistice.

Forty-eight years of age he was employed before the war at Messrs. J. T. and J. Taylor's Cheapside Mills, Batley, and resided in Occupation Lane, Staincliffe, being a native of that district. He joined the Colours in November, 1939, and was in France the following January.

Mr. T. Clough, 309, Staincliffe Road, is his brother.

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