# Anthony Cadden



**Rank: -** Ex-Pioneer (Sapper)

**Number: -** 283725

**Regiment: -** Royal Engineers (Transportation Branch) (Formerly 116407)

**Died at home: -** 26/03/1921 Age: 45 years

**Cemetery: -**Batley, Yorkshire L 653

Batley News, 2 Apr 1921 (classifieds)

## Family Details

Anthony was born in Edinburgh in c.1879 the son of Anthony and Winifred Cadden (nee Carty, m. 1883, Ballina, Ireland).

In 1881 the family was living at Old Pentland, Midlothian, Scotland and his father was described as an ironstone miner. His siblings were Catherine 1865 (half-sister), Mary 1872, Bridget 1873, John M 1874, James 1877, Anthony.

Dominic was born in Scotland before the family moved to live at 16, Ambler Street, Batley. In 1901 the family was living at 8, Thornton Street, Staincliffe and Anthony (snr.) was working as a coal miner hewer and all his sons were also working as miners.

His father died in 1904 followed by his mother in 1906.

Anthony married Mary Ellen Carley on the 15th May 1909 at St. Patrick's Church, Heckmondwike. Mary Ann was born on 14th May 1910 followed by Dominic 1911-1911, Catherine 1913 who died aged 7 months, and Ellen 18th September 1915. In 1911 he was living with his wife and baby daughter at Leeds Old Road, Heckmondwike and employed as a miner's labourer.

## Service Details

Anthony had previous military service in the York & Lancaster Regiment 3rd Bn. and was discharged in 1905.He enlisted once again in the Royal Engineers giving his address as 43, White Lea Jail, Batley, on the 19th August 1915, in London, being 5 ft. 1 inch tall, his religion Roman Catholic and was sent to France on 28th August 1915. He was transferred to the Labour Corps on the 31st July 1917.

The family had moved to 2, Back Thornton Street, Common Road, Batley before he was discharged on the 14th January 1919 and applied for a disability allowance on the 9th February 1919. This was rejected because although he had been gassed (mildly), suffered gastritis, and had bronchitis (not contributory) they said he either did not have a disability or they were not aggravated by war service so there were no grounds for an award.

Sadly, Anthony died on the 26th March 1921 in Batley and like many others in Batley his wife was left to bring up her two young children.

**CADDEN**-March 26th aged 45, Anthony Cadden, 45, Back Thornton Street, Common Road. (Batley News 2/4/1921)

Anthony was awarded the 1915 Star. The British War Medal, Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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