William Henry Carter





Rank: - Driver

Number: - 152374

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillery (transf. to (643527) 587th Coy Labour Corps)

Died at Chatham Hospital: - 28/11/1918 Age: 42 years

Cemetery: - Batley Cemetery, Yorkshire R 170

Batley News, 7 Dec 1918, 14 Dec 1918 (photo)

Family Details

William Henry (Parkin) was born in Leeds in c.1876 the son of Adelaide Parkin nee Goodall, who had married Jesse Parkin at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on the 25th December 1862.

In 1871 Heckmondwike Jesse and Adelaide were living at 69, Skinner Lane with their children George William Goodall 1861-1872, Mary 1863, Samuel Hemmingway 1865, John 1868 and Betsy 1871. Jesse who was a soap boiler died in August 1872.

In 1881 Adelaide was living as the wife of Joseph Carter, a cloth fuller, at High Street, Batley with children Mary, George Thomas 1874, William Henry and Jesse Carter aged one year and born in Batley. Adelaide was working as a weaver. Joseph died in February 1888.

In 1891 the family was living at 1, Albion Street, Batley and William was working as a hurrier in a pit. Fred was born in 1886 in Batley.

In 1901 William was known as Carter and was living at 21, Field Lane, Batley with his mother siblings Jesse and Fred and his gt aunt Martha and was employed as a coal miner hewer. William attended Purlwell Council School and Broomhill Sunday Schools and at one time worked as a miner at Soothill Wood Colliery.

In 1911 Adelaide was living with her youngest son Fred at 13, Wetherill Street, Batley and states she had 11 children of whom three have died.

William Henry married Sarah Harriett Morley in the summer of 1906.

In 1911 he was a boarder with his family at the home of Joe Morley of 51, Queen Street, Batley and was employed as a stone quarry labourer. Jesse was born in 1908 and Ethel in 1910. When he enlisted, he was employed at Batley Gas Works and attended Batley Trades and Friendly Club.

The family moved to live at 30, Albion Street, Batley.

Service Details

William Henry enlisted in August 1916 and was sent to France but the date is unknown. He was sent back to England ill in November 1917 and was ill in hospital for around twelve months.

He died in the Military Hospital, Chatham and was buried at Batley Cemetery with military honours. Sergt. Major E. Hemingway (Dewsbury) was in charge and Mr. J. Gladwin conducted the last rites.

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

William Henry is remembered with Honour on Batley War Memorial.



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