Percy Clegg





Rank: - Private

Number: - 41941

Regiment: - York and Lancaster Regiment 1/5th Battalion

Died of wounds: - 15/04/1918 Age: 33 years

Cemetery: - Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, Nord, France 1.Q.25

Batley News, 4 May 1918, 11 May 1918 (photo)

Family Details

Percy was born in Batley on the 29th November 1885 the son of Thomas and Eleanor Clegg nee Pickering who had married on the 28th February 1885 at Dewsbury Moor, St John the Evangelist Church. He was baptised at the same church on the 3rd January 1886 when the family was living at Staincliffe and Thomas gave his occupation as a stone mason.

In 1891 the family had moved to 55, King Street, Batley with the addition of Emma in 1890. Ethel Maud was born in June 1892 but sadly died aged two years in August 1894 and Thomas was born in September 1895 but sadly died aged one year in October 1896 when the family lived at 25, Albert Street, Batley. Within a short time, the family moved to 46, Whitaker Street, Batley and family had grown with the additions of Mary Ann 1895 and Eleanor 1898.

Percy had attended Purlwell Council School and in 1901 gave his occupation as a barber's assistant. He was later employed at Batley Great Northern and L.N. W. goods departments. At one time he had been foreman goods-man at Carlinghow Station.

In 1911 the surviving children were still at Whitaker Street with the addition of 78-year-old granddad Joseph Pickering.

Service Details

Percy enlisted in early 1917 and went to France in July 1917. His regiment would have taken part in the following: -

Operations on the Flanders Coast (Hush) 7th June – 10th November 1917
The Battle of Poelcapelle (9th October) *which was part of the Third Battles of Ypres*

In 1918 the Battle of Estaires (9th -11th April)

The Battle of Messines (10th-11th April)

The Battle of Bailleul in which the Division defended Neuve Eglise (13th-15th April).

His service records have not survived so we cannot be certain in which of these battles he was wounded. He died of his wounds on the 15th April.

Percy was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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