Thomas Henry Cook





Rank: - Private

Number: - 8099

Regiment: - King's Own Scottish Borderers

Died: - 12th April 1920 aged 26 years

Cemetery: - Batley O .157

Family Details

Thomas Henry was born in Howden Clough on the 21st December 1893 the only surviving son of James and Hannah Cook (nee Schofield) who both came from Holmfirth. They had married in the 1st Qtr. 1884 in the Huddersfield area.

His parents and siblings Mary (1885), Sarah Elizabeth (1887) and Ethel, aged 4 months when the 1891 census was taken, were living at Leeds Road, Howden Clough.

James was a coal hewer and in 1901 the family which included Sarah Elizabeth (1887), Ethel (1890), Thomas Henry and Ida (1896) was living at 38, Blackburn Road, Birstall.

Minnie was born in 1898 but died aged 16 months in May 1899 and Arnold who was born in 1900 died in November 1900 aged 7 months. Florence Eva was born in Blackburn Road, Birstall in 1905.

Before 1911 the family had moved to live at 18, Hirst's Buildings, North Street, Cross Bank, Batley and the census shows that three children had not survived infancy. Thomas Henry was working as a butcher.

His mother, Hannah, died in December 1911 and at the time of his death his occupation was given as a butcher.

Wilson, 16, Bath Street.
Cook.—April 13, aged 26, Thomas Henry
Cook, 18, North Street.
Cox.—April 14, aged 62, Andrew Cox, 49,

Service Details

Thomas Henry enlisted on the 25th September 1914 in the King's Own Scottish Borderers. He did not serve abroad and was awarded the Silver War Badge No. 183408 because of sickness on the 5th May 1916 under Para 392 XV1 K.R.

Thomas Henry did serve his King and Country and he is remembered with Honour on Batley War Memorial and Cross Bank Wesleyan Chapel.



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