John Fawcett Cookson



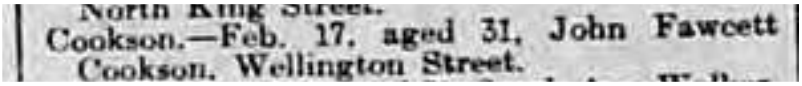
Rank: - Sergeant

Number: - 19324

Regiment: - Labour Corps (Formerly 32691 West Yorkshire Regiment, Prev 62010 Durham Light Infantry) 33rd Coy.

Died in Great Britain of pneumonia on route home: - 17/02/1919 Age: 31 years

Cemetery: - Batley M 66


North King Street.
Cookson.—Feb. 17, aged 31, John Fawcett Cookson, Wellington Street.

Batley Reporter, 21 Feb 1919. Batley News, 22 Feb 1919 (classifieds)

Family Details

John Fawcett was born in Leeds on the 3rd June 1887 the son of Edward and Elizabeth Ann Cookson (nee Fawcett, m. 9 Nov 1884, Birstall St Peter). He was baptised at St. Peter's Church on the 31st July 1887 when the address was 13, Bagley Terrace, Leeds and his father described himself as an accountant.

In 1891 John was living with his parents at 189, Camp Road, Leeds and his Leeds born father was described as a solicitor's clerk. and his father married Annie Maria Briggs on the 25th July 1899. Before 1901 the family had moved to live at 85, Westfield Road, West Leeds. His father died on the 19th December 1907.

In 1911 he was living with his widowed aunt, Ellen Inman, at Norristhorpe Lane, Heckmondwike and he was described as being an accountant's clerk for Leeds City Council. On the 27th August 1914 he married Jessie Wilson at St. Andrew's Church, Purlwell, Batley and they went to live at 47, Wellington Street, Batley. Reginald Edward was born 1916.

His mother died in 1896

Service Details

Discharged Feb 1919

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

His widow emigrated to 16, Baker Avenue, Auburn, New York State travelling on board the "Megantic" leaving Liverpool for Ellis Island in 1921.

She was 'seen off' at Liverpool by a Mr Joe Wilson and met in New York by her sister Mrs Riddlesworth. The ship arrived in New York on 19 January 1921.



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