Henry Herbert Dalby





Rank: - Private

Number: - 33959

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 2nd Battalion

Killed in Action: - 4th April 1917 aged 35 years

Cemetery: - Chappelle British Cemetery, Holnon, Aisne, France. 111. B. 8

Batley News, 5 May 1917 (photo). Batley Reporter, 27 Apr 1917

Family Details

Henry Herbert was born in Roundhay, Leeds, c.1882 the son of Richard and the late Eliza Dalby (nee Dennil, m. 24 Sep 1864, Leeds, St. Peter). He was baptised at St. John's Church, Roundhay on the 26th November 1882 when his father gave his occupation as a farm labourer.

His siblings were Mary 1865- 1866, William born 1866 Bardsey, Polly 1868-1914, George 1870-1906, Emily 1872-74, Emily Louisa 1874, Richard Alfred 1876-1916, James Arthur 1878, Annie Eliza 1880 at Harewood. In 1881 the family was living at Netherley House, Roundhay. Eliza died in 1884.

In 1891 widowed Richard and his family were living at Beechwood Cottages, Elmet, Roundhay. In 1901 Richard, James and Annie were living in Ovenden, Halifax and he was a gardener and florist on his own account. Henry was a boarder living at 4, Kent Street, Batley with widower Hannah Burnley working as a domestic gardener. His father, Richard, died in 1909.

In July 1904 he married Jeanie Pearson who already had a son, Reginald Pearson, who was born in July 1902. Dorothy Pearson Dalby was born in 1905 -1905, Marjorie in February 1908, Eileen 1913 and Dorothy 1916.

The family lived at Linefield Cottage, Batley and he had been employed for sixteen years as a gardener to Mr. William Parker, J.P. of Linefield House, Upper Batley.

Service Details

Henry was a Derby recruit and was called up in July 1916 going to France in December 1916. In 1917they took part in Operations on the Ancre (11 January - 13 March). His wife had not heard from him for a month when news was received that he been killed on April 4th 1917. After his death his wife moved to live at 2A, Zion Street, Batley.

His brother Sergeant Richard Alfred who was formerly an Inspector on Leeds Tramways was killed in action at Ypres on 24th November 1915. Henry Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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