George Dobson





Rank: - Driver

Number: - 191739

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillary 386th Bty. 30th Bde.

Died of Cholera, Mesopotamia: - 15/08/1918 Age: 32 years

Memorial: - Tehran Memorial, Iran Panel 1 Column 2

Batley News, 13 Sep 1918 (photo)

Family Details

George was born in Batley Carr in c.1884 and baptised at Holy Trinity Church on the 9th April 1884 the son of William and Rachel Ann Dobson nee Walker who had married on the 7th January 1882 at All Saints Church, Batley. They both made their mark. Mary Elizabeth was born in late 1882.

In 1891 Rachel and her children were living at 2, Court 2, Albion Street, Batley saying she was born in Bruntcliffe, a widow and employed as a worsted weaver. We cannot confirm when his father died.

In 1901 he was living at 38, North Street, Carlinghow and was a hurrier at a coal mine. His mother was working as a cloth warper.

When he lived in Batley he was associated with the Adult School, Wilton Street and the Zion Sunday School.

When the 1911 census was taken George was a visitor at the home of Mr. J.W. Porter, a coal miner hewer, at Smithies, Barnsley. His mother was living at Henry Street, Dewsbury and his sister had married John Moore at Carlinghow in 1906. His mother later went to live in Kirkhamgate, Wakefield.

He married Mary Lawton in 1915 in Derby who at the time of his death lived in 22, Letchworth Street, Derby.

Service Details

George enlisted at Derby and went to Mesopotamia in August 1917. He died from cholera on August 15th 1918.

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



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