Richard Evans M.M.



Rank: - Lance/Cpl.

Number: - 107168

Regiment: - Royal Engineers 40th Signal Coy.

Missing, presumed Killed in Action: - 13/04/1918 Age: 28 years

Cemetery: - Lille Southern Cemetery, Nord, France 111.D.7

Batley News, 11 May 1918. Batley Reporter, 26 Apr 1918, 24 Jan 1919

Family Details

Richard Price was born in Churwell, Leeds on the 7th January 1890 the son of William Price Evans and Betsy Evans (nee Kellern, m. 21 Aug 1887, Holbeck, St Matthew and New Wortley, St John the Baptist). He was baptised at the Wesleyan Chapel, Churwell on the 30th January 1890.

In 1891 he was living at 3, Clay Row, Churwell with his parents and elder sister Lily born 1887. His father who came from Cannock Chase was a coal miner whilst his mother who came from Churwell was a woollen cloth weaver.

Llewellyn was born in Churwell in 1893 but the family moved to Morley before the birth of Amy 1896 and Norman 1898 and in 1901 the family was living at 73, Albert Road, Morley. Sam was born in 1901. His father died in 1902 and his mother in 1905. Llewellyn died 10th April 1917.

In 1911 Richard, Lily, Norman and Sam were living together at 28, Station Road, Morley. Richard was working as a mule mender in a woollen mill and Lily as a cloth weaver. Richard later worked as a spinner at City Mills, Morley and attended Brunswick Methodist Church.

In January 1918 he married Elsie Fenton who lived at 32, Providence Terrace, Carlinghow, Batley. (Formerly residing Morris Place, Morley)

Service Details

Richard enlisted at Wakefield (Morley) in November 1915 and disembarked in June 1916.

He won the Military Medal for gallantry on 27th November 1917.

One of his officers wrote to his wife: -

"*No one was more admired than Dick. He ordered his men back to headquarters, saying he would follow them as he had put his equipment on. That is the last real news we have of him.*"

Richard was officially reported as died of wounds after having been reported missing since 9th April 1918.

Richard was awarded the Military Medal, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley and Morley War Memorials.



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