Lewis Halley Fitton



Rank: - Private

Number: - 3264

Regiment: - West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) 2/7th Battalion

Died in 1st Northern General Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne: - 23/11/1916
Age: 31 years

Cemetery: - Leeds (Hunslet Old) Cemetery, Woodhouse Hill C 4. 13341



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Family Details

Lewis Halley was born in Batley in c.1883 the son of Clara Fitton. In 1891 he was living at 26, Queen Street, Batley with his mother, who worked as a woollen weaver and his maternal grandmother Mary Ann Fitton.

A decade he was a mill-hand living with his mother at 3, Whitaker Square, Batley. Lewis was well known in Batley.

In 1911 Clara was living in a one roomed home at Johnson's Buildings, Hollinroyd Road, Dewsbury. In the 2nd Qtr 1911 Lewis married Jessie Jagger at Holbeck, Leeds.

Before the war Lewis worked at Messrs. G & J. Stubley, Ltd. having previously been employed at Messrs. Robert Brearley and Sons where he was a member of the firm's fire brigade. He liked athletics and possessed a watch and medals won in local walking matches.

Jessie went to live at 13, Bath Road, Holbeck, Leeds later moving to 12, Cromwell Street, Newton, Leeds.

Service Details

He was a Volunteer in the old days before the Territorial Force was inaugurated and when war broke out he went to enlist in the K.O.Y.L.I. at Batley. In course of time he was transferred to the West Yorks. The whole of his service was in England.

Lewis was taken ill whilst acting with his unit as officer's servant and he died at Northern General Hospital, Newcastle,

At the time of his death his mother lived at Dale Street, Batley Carr. The funeral took place the following Tuesday with military honours at Woodhouse Hill Cemetery.

Lewis is remembered with Honour on Batley War Memorial.

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