George Fox



Rank: - Private

Number: - 1928

Regiment: - Royal Munster Fusiliers (Formerly 14225 York & Lancaster Regiment) 1st Battalion

Died of Wounds: - 17/08/1917 Age: 23 years

Cemetery: - Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium XV11.AA.16

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Family Details

George was born in Batley Carr in c.1894 the son of Frank and Ada Ellen Fox nee Rogers who had married on 28th December 1888 at St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton. Frank was a confectioner and baker having his shop at 33, Town Street, Batley Carr.

Ada Ellen came from Hepworth, Suffolk. Ann Ellen was born in 1889, followed by George, Florrie 1901 in Batley and Olive 190 in Rotherham.

George attended Warwick Road Council School but it is reported he left shortly after finishing his elementary education to go to Rotherham.

It is not known what happened to what may have been a prosperous shop in Batley Carr but Frank had taken his youngest three children to live at 19, Saville Street, Dalton, Rotherham in a two roomed home and was working as a screensman (coal) before 1911 and Frank was employed as a farm labourer.

Service Details

George enlisted shortly after war was declared and was wounded in the Dardanelles. He was in France for about 12 months before he was killed.

The Royal Munster Fusiliers from 28th May 1916 came under the orders of 48th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division and absorbed troops from disbanded 9th Bn. From 22nd November 1916 they were transferred to 47th Brigade in same Division and absorbed more than 400 troops from disbanded 8th Bn.

In 1917 they saw action at: -

The Battle of Messines (7-14th June)
The Battle of Langemark, (16-18 August) a phase of the Third Battles of Ypres

George died of his wounds. His parents returned to live in Batley and were living in Oaks Road, Soothill with their daughter Florrie and family in 1939.

George was awarded the 1914-15 Star. The British War Medal, 1914-18 Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Warwick Road Junior School and Batley War Memorial.

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