Ernest Garside R.N.





Rank: - Able Seaman

Number: - J/58713

Regiment: - Royal Navy "H.M.S. Victory"

Died at Sea: - 18th October 1918 aged 31

Memorial: - Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire No.29

Batley News, 12 May 1917, 19 May 1917, 9 Jun 1917. Batley Reporter, 11 May 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Ernest was born in Batley on 25th July 1887 the son of Joseph Garside and his wife Theresa (nee Rebbla). In 1891 the family was living at 25, North Street, Batley. His father was a cloth weaver and his siblings were Mary Edith (1873), Louis Rebbla (1879), Harry (1881), Clara Ethel (1883) and Martha Annie (1890). A decade later the family had moved to 19, Pit Lane, Carlinghow with the additions of Beatrice (1893) and Mary Rose Ann (1896). Joseph had become a tuner, but died in May 1909.

Ernest attended Carlinghow Council School and Cross Bank Chapel where he sang in the choir, being a tenor vocalist and was interested in Sunday school work and the cricket team.

On 11th September 1909 Ernest married Beatrice Mary Braham who came from Chapeltown, Nr. Sheffield at Cross Bank Chapel, Batley. They went to live at 13, Chapel Fold, Staincliffe. Denis was born in 1910 and died in July 1924 followed by Louis in 1915. Before enlisting he worked at Henry Burrows, Batley Carr as a foreman warehouseman.

Service Details.

Ernest joined the Royal Navy on 16th September 1916 as an ordinary seaman and served with HMS "Victory" before moving to the "Lunka" on 30th November. He became an Able Seaman on 15th May 1918 and continued to serve on the "Lunka" until being transferred to "Victory 1" on 26th September 1918. He had seen considerable service in British East Africa and he was on board "H.M.T. Royal George "in the Middle East on 18th October 1918 when he died from heat stroke. The trip he was undertaking should have been a rest after arduous duties. The ship was probably bringing them to England. He was buried at sea. Ernest was the third son to die in the war Lewis who had fought in the South African War and had died on 8th July 1916 and Gunner Harry had died in April 1917.

Ernest is remembered with Honour on Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Batley War Memorial, St. John's Church Carlinghow, Christ Church, Staincliffe, Batley and Cross Bank Wesleyan Chapel, Batley. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.



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