Herbert Haigh



Rank: - Private

Number: - 235419

Regiment: - Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment) (Formerly 4866, 201797 Northumberland Fusiliers) 8th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 11/07/1918 Age: 33 years

Cemetery: - Barenthal Military Cemetery, Italy Plot 1. Row B. Grave 12.

"EVER IN OUR THOUGHTS FROM LOVING WIFE EDITH CHILDREN, DAD & SISTER"

Batley Reporter, 11 Jul 1919 (classifieds) Dewsbury Reporter 3August 1918 page 3

Family Details

Herbert was born in Stanningley, (Bramley) Leeds in c.1885 the son of Dewsbury born couple Tom and Mary Haigh nee Kaye, who had married on the 13th June 1880 at Dewsbury Parish Church. In 1891 he was living with his parents at 13, Church Hill Terrace, Bramley, Leeds and Tom gave his occupation as a boiler maker. Both Herbert and his sister Maud 1893 were born in Stanningley before the family returned to Dewsbury to live at Kensington Street, Flatts and Tom was working as a piecener at a woollen mill.

He married Ellen Eliza Brinton in 1907 and Evelyn was born on 21st October 1908. In 1911 they were living at 21, Oates Yard, George Street, Dewsbury and Herbert was employed as a fettler. Ellen Eliza died in the summer of 1914.

On the 18th December 1915 at Dewsbury Parish Church he married widower Edith Farrar nee Travis who had a daughter, Alfreda, born 1910. Cyril was born in the 4th Qtr 1916. The family lived at 10, Bradford Road, Batley Carr. Before he enlisted, he was a fettler at Messrs. Joseph Newsome and Sons, woollen manufacturers, Batley Carr. His wife had a sweet, confectionary and tobacco business opposite the Clothiers Arms at Batley Carr.

Service Details

His service records have not survived but from newspaper reports he enlisted in September 1916 and went to France on June 16th 1917. The 8th Battalion was attached to 69th Brigade in 23rd Division who left France for Italy in November 1917. It completed concentration between Mantua and Marcaria on 16th November and took over the front line at the Montello on 4th December.

The campaign in Italy: -
15-16 June 1918 the fighting on the Asiago Plateau.

Herbert was killed in Action on the 11th June 1918. Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal and is remembered on Hanging Heaton War Memorial and Batley War Memorial with Honour.



Researched by members of Batley History Group