Israel Hey



Rank: - Private

Number: - 268768

Regiment: - Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 2/4th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 16/06/1918 Age: 36 years

Cemetery: - Bienvillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France XX. D. 12.

Batley News, 13 Jul 1918. Batley Reporter, 5 Jul 1918

Family Details

Israel was born in Batley in c.1882 the son of Israel Hey Snr. and Eunice Hey nee Kershaw who had married on 12th February 1867 at Batley Parish Church.

Israel Hey (snr) was a market gardener who in 1891 was living with his wife and children Walter Kershaw 1867, Teresa 1871, Sarah 1875, Harriett 1877, Christopher 1880, Israel 1882, William 1883, Unice 1886 and Percy 1888 at North Street, Batley. Before 1901 the family had moved to live at 22, Woodwell Street, Batley.

On the 9th November 1907 he married Jane Lowe at Batley Parish Church. Harriett was born in 1908 followed by Hilda in 1911.They lived at 9 Parker Street, Batley. Israel was associated with Hanover Street Congregational Church. His mother, Eunice, died 1st qtr 1918.

Service Details

Israel enlisted in May 1917 and after serving some time in France was invalided home with trench fever. He returned to France and was killed in action on June 16th 1918. The 2/4th Battalion came under orders of 186th Brigade in 62nd (2nd West Riding Division

In 1918 they took part in: -
The Battle of Bapaume (25 March)
The First Battle of Arras 1918 (28 March)
which were phases of the First Battles of the Somme 1918
The Battle of the Tardenois (part of the Battles of the Marne 1918).

Israel was killed in action between these battles. His brother Percy was in France at this time. His brother-in-law Walter Preston died of wounds 11th October 1917.

Israel was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.

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