Walter Hinchcliffe Hey



Rank: - Private

Number: - 25881

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 11th Battalion

Died of Pneumonia, Rugeley Camp, Staffordshire: - 4/08/1916 Age: 22 years

Cemetery: - Rugeley Cemetery, Staffordshire 11.401

Batley News, 12 Aug 1916. Dewsbury Reporter, 12 Aug 1916

Family Details

Walter Hinchcliffe was born in Skelmanthorpe on the 29th December 1894 the son of George Henry and Lucy Hey nee Field who married on the 10th April 1886 at Queen Street Methodist Chapel, Huddersfield). He was baptised in the district of St. Aidan, Skelmanthorpe on 13th June 1897 when the address given was Saville Road, Skelmanthorpe and his father's occupation was a mason's labourer.

Percy was born in 1888 but was not at home when the census was taken. The family which consisted of George Henry, Lucy, Annie 1887, Edith Ellen 188 Walter, Olga May 1898 and Blanche 1900 was living at Savile Road when the 1901 census was taken. Harry was born in Shelley in 1902 followed by Harriett Ann 1905 and in 1911 they were living at "Crabtree" Lower Cumberworth when the census was taken. Walter was working as a coal miner. Walter went to reside in Batley not long after the census was taken in 1911 and lived in Scotchman Lane until his marriage in March 1916 to Ada Sykes. They lived at 16, Back Upton Street, Cross Bank, Batley and he enlisted in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Newspaper reports state he was well known in Batley.

Service Details

Walter was sent to Rugeley Camp, Staffordshire for training but he was taken ill in June 1916 with bronchitis and after a short spell in hospital heart disease developed. This was followed by pneumonia. Six weeks after being taken ill Walter died from this illness and his remains were interred at the church.

Walter is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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