Harry Ineson





Rank: - Private

Number: - 4691701

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 1st Bn.

Died: - Killed in Action, Norway 28/04/1940 Age: 20 years.

Cemetery: - Kvam Churchyard, Norway Screen Wall, Collective grave.

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Harry was born in 1919 the youngest son of Archie and Ann Gledhill Ineson nee Hirst who had married on 18 November 1905 at the Wesleyan Centenary Chapel, Dewsbury and in 1939 Archie lived at 17 Nursery Wood Road, Hanging Heaton. Marion was born in 1906 but died a few months laterfollwed by Mary 1907, Ernest Westerby 1915 and Mabel 1921.

Harry was an “old boy” of Batley Art School. He worked for Messrs Birkby, Liversedge and for a time he assisted at Mr. J. Greenwood’s store in Church Street, Dewsbury before joining up before the outbreak of war.

The 1st Battalion moved to France at the beginning of October 1939. The winter of 1939-40 was bitterly cold and was spent mainly near Lille, although the Battalion went into position in front of the Maginot Line. In April 1940the Battalion was moved at short notice to Scotland and thence to Norway. After landing at Aandalsnes, advancing more than a hundred miles down the Gudbrandsdal Valley, the Battalion became involved in a series of rear-guard actions. Between 24-28 April the 1st KOYLI and the 1st York and Lancasters held positions at Kvam where the Battalion, entirely on its own, held up the German advance for two days. There was fierce fighting against enemy land and air attacks. Harry lost his life during this action. After a severe action at Dombaas, a railway accident and a long march the Battalion returned to Scotland. They left behind 30 of their battalion and 23 men of the York and Lancasters also lost their lives in the same area and are buried in a collective grave at Kvam Churchyard.



KILLED IN NORWAY.

Hanging Heaton Soldier's Fate Now Confirmed.

Private Harry Ineson, K.O.Y.L.I., youngest son of Mr. Archie Ineson, 17, Nursery Wood Road, Hanging Heaton, and the late Mrs. Ineson, is reported killed in action in Norway.

The Late Private Harry Ineson.

He was reported missing last May and despite repeated inquiries no further news was heard of him until last Saturday, when his relatives received a telegram from the War Office stating that he was killed at Kvam, near Gudbrandsdal, in April, 1940. His body is believed to rest in the Public War Graves Cemetery.

A soldier in the same regiment says he saw Private Ineson on the battlefield last May.

An "old boy" of Batley Art School, Private Ineson was 20 years of age and joined up just before the outbreak of war. He worked for Messrs. Birkby, Liversedge, and for a time assisted in Mr. J. Greenwood's stores in Church Street, Dewsbury.

His brother, Musician Ernest Ineson, is a member of the Life Guards Band, and there are two sisters, Mrs. L. Bancroft, Commonside, Hanging Heaton, and Miss Mabel Ineson, Harrogate.

Harry is remembered with Honour at Hanging Heaton War Memorial (St Paul’s) and Batley War Memorial. He was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.



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