Ernest Ineson





Rank: - Private

Number: - 47546

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

Killed in Action: - 08/10/1918 Age: 29 years

Memorial: - Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Panel 8

Batley News, 19 Oct 1918, 26 Oct 1918 (photo)

Family Details

Ernest was born in Ossett c. 1889 the son of Herbert and Lydia Ann Ineson (nee Earnshaw, m. 1880 registered Dewsbury).

The family did not live long in Ossett because in 1891 Batley born Herbert, who was a cloth finisher, was living with his family at 19, Beaumont Street, Batley.

Fred Earnshaw was born in 1880 followed by Edith 1883, Ezra 1886, Martha Annie 1892, Hannah Mary 1895, Nellie 1900.

In 1901 the family was still at the same address but before 1911 they had moved to a five roomed home at George Street, Batley and Herbert was a cloth dresser.

Ernest attended Purlwell Council School and Gospel Hall Sunday School. Before enlisting he worked at Mr. Henry Burrows, rag merchants, Batley Carr in the carbonising department.

On the 6th November 1909 Ernest married Leah Reid at Dewsbury Parish Church. At the time of his marriage he was living at 23, George Street, Batley and was working as a miner. When the 1911 census was taken, he was working as a coal miner bye worker, living in a two roomed home at 2, Court 2, North Parade, Mount Pleasant. Ezra was born in 1910. Staying with them was Thomas and Margaret Read and their daughter Agnes as lodgers.

John Herbert born 1911 died in October 1912 aged 14 months and Nellie was born in 1914. His wife Leah died in December 1916.

His eldest brother, Fred was killed in the South African War. His brother, Ezra who was well known locally as a musician was on munition work. His parents had moved to live at 72, Wellington Street, Batley.

Service Details

Ernest enlisted in 1916 and was sent to serve in Salonika. The 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry served in Salonika from 7th December 1915 until 20th June 1918 when it left the Division for service in France, landing at Taranto, Italy on 2nd July 1918. From the 16th July they were attached to 151st Brigade in 50th (Northumbrian) Division. They fought in France at: -

The Battle of the St Quentin Canal 29 September -2 October
The Battle of the Beaurevoir Line 3-5 October
The Battle of Cambrai 1918 8-9 October
which were phases *of the Battles of the Hindenburg Line*

Ernest was killed on the 8th October.

A Corporal wrote to his parents: -

"It will be a great consolation to you to know that he did not suffer from his wound, as he only lived a few seconds after he was hit. He was laid to rest in the afternoon of the 9th by a young man named Bould who used to live with Mrs. Ineson's parents. He is a great loss to the company, as he was one of the cheerful men of the platoon and made friends wherever he went."

His two children were left orphans.

Ernest was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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