William Brooke Ineson







Rank: - Corporal

Number: - 775393

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillery (T.F. formerly 1554)" A" Battery 245th Brigade

Killed in Action: - 25th October 1917 aged 25 years

Cemetery: - Divisional Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium L.4

Batley News, 3 Nov 1917 (photo)

Family Details

William Brooke was born in Batley on 4th May 1892, the third son of Frederick and Alice Ineson (nee Walker) and was baptised at Broomhill Methodist Church (Taylor Street) on the 1st July 1892. He was the fourth child of this couple his elder siblings being Arthur 1883, Mary Ethel (1885), Percy (1879). He was followed by James Walker (1894), Alec (1896), Alice May (! 899) and Frederick Arnold in 1902.

The family lived at Warwick Road and Frederick was a rag merchant. William was educated at Ackworth School and was keenly interested in football where he was a member of the first eleven and afterwards played for Upper Batley and Leeds School of Art. After leaving Acworth he studied at the Leeds School of Art later becoming Assistant Art Master at Batley Technical School under Mr. Barber whilst still continuing his studies at Leeds.

He was actively connected to Broomhill United Methodist Chapel and was a Sunday school teacher and at one time occupied the position of mission secretary.

He had a large circle of friends in Batley and was highly respected.

William was engaged to Miss Dorothy Turner daughter of Mr. Benjamin Turner of Rutland Villas, Batley who at the time of his death was on active nursing service in France.

Service Details.

He enlisted in Leeds in September 1914 and disembarked in France on the 14th April 1915.

He was home on leave shortly before his death when he was in the best of spirits and health. His father received a letter from an officer saying: -

"It is with the very greatest regret I have to write and tell you of the death of your son. He was killed in action with his gun yesterday afternoon (October 25th). Unfortunately, I have only been a short time with the battery but long enough to know and respect the fine work he has done for the Brigade. He was with the guns for the past fortnight, I think perhaps one of the hardest times the battery has been through. The battery was given a big task and owing to the brilliant

work of the N.C.O.'s and men carried it out splendidly. It is a great loss in a great cause but I feel sure Corporal Ineson's fine work on this and many other occasions will live long in the history of the battery."

William was awarded the 1914- 1915 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Zion Methodist Church, Batley, Broomhill United Church, Batley, Warwick Road School Diary and Batley War Memorial.



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