Joseph Inman





Rank: - Private

Number: - 33151

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 6th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 10/04/1917 Age: 29 years

Cemetery: - Tigris Lane Cemetery, Wancourt, Pas de Calais, France
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Batley News, 12 May 1917. Batley Reporter, 18 May 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Joseph was born in Batley in 1888 the son of Thomas and Alice Inman nee Garner. His parents had married at Batley Parish Church on the 28th May 1887 Thomas was a widower whose wife Annie nee Castle had died in 1878 after the birth of Sarah Ellen 1877, and Alice had a daughter Ethel born c.1881 who died in 1904. In 1891 the family was living at 1, East Street, Batley and Thomas, who came from Kirkheaton, was employed as a woollen scribbler foreman. A decade later Thomas was a labourer, above ground, on a pit bank. He sadly died in December 1902.

Before 1911 there were just Alice and Joseph still living at 1, East Streetand Alice was working as a charwoman whilst Joseph worked as a woollen cloth finisher. The 1911 census shows they were living in a three roomed home and Alice had six children who had died in infancy. Joseph attended Park Road Baptist Church and was a member of Carlinghow Working Men's Club.

Joseph was followed by Frank, 1890-March 1892, Jane, January –April 1892, Herbert, Aug-Sept 1897, Edith, 1898-January 1901,

On the 5th April 1913 Joseph married Elizabeth Rhodes Cannings at St. Andrew's Church, Batley and he continued to live at 1, East Street, Batley. Hilda was born in early 1916.

Joseph employed by Messrs. Brooke, Wilford and Co. before he enlisted in the finishing department.

Service Details

Joseph joined the forces in July 1916. The 6th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry had been formed in 1914 and was attached to the 14th (Light) Infantry Division.

In 1917 they saw action at: -

The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line (14 March-5 April) and the 1st Battle of the Scarpe (9-14 April).

His wife in May 1917 had not heard from him for five weeks but official news arrived on the 11th May that he had been killed in action on the 10th April 1917.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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