Frank Jackson





Rank: - Sapper

Number: - WR/323136 I.N.L.D.

Regiment: - Royal Engineers

Died of illness: - 15th May 1918 aged 27

Cemetery: - Birstall (St. Peter's) Churchyard Extension, Yorkshire A 1602

Family Details:

William Jackson from Gomersal married Ann Rodgers of Birstall at St. Peter's Church, Birstall in June 1889. Their son Frank was born in Batley in 1891 where the family lived at 71, Bradford Road Central, Batley. William was a coal miner hewer and Ann was working as a weaver in 1901. The couple were still at the same address in 1911 but with the addition of Minnie (1903), and the census shows they have lost 2 children in infancy. Ann was still working as a weaver and Frank is a Tramway Collector but no employment is shown for William.

Frank attended Batley Parish Schools and was a former choir boy. He was a cinema operator at both the Co-op Hall Pictures and the Well Lane Picture House. He changed careers and went to work as a striker for Messrs. J.Bagshaw and Sons, Batley and was working in the south of England in ship building.

His mother, Ann, married George Bond in Sept 1924

Service Details:

The Corps of Royal Engineers are commonly known as Sappers and is one of the corps of the British Army. It is highly regarded throughout the military and especially the army. It provides military engineering and other technical support to the British Armed Forces. The Regimental Headquarters and Royal School of Military Engineering are at Chatham, Kent.

Frank enrolled in Batley in May 1917 and was employed as a ship builder in the south of England.

First news of his illness was received by his mum the previous Saturday and she travelled to Kent to be with him.

Frank died on Wednesday 15th May 1918 after an operation for appendicitis at New Military Hospital, Stoner, Kent.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley Parish Church, Batley War Memorial and Birstall War Memorial.

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