James Lloyd





Rank: - Private

Number: - 4687314

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

Died: - Died of Wounds received during air raid on this country 7 June 1940 aged 38 years

Cemetery: - Batley Cemetery, N 568

Batley News, 15 Jun 1940 (photo)

James was born on 24 November 1901 in Batley Carr the son of David and Bridget Lloyd nee Coleman had married earlier that year. Mary Theresa was born in 1905 followed by Margaret 1911. His mother died in May 1914 when the family lived at 14, East Street, Batley. His father, David, moved to live at Purlwell Crescent, Batley.

In 1923 James married Charlotte Ann Gomersall who came from Hanging Heaton. Veronica was born in 1924 followed by Kathleen 1930, David 1933 and twins James and John 1938. James Kenneth born 1927 had died in November 1928. The family lived at 30, New Street, Batley,

James was a member of the Batley Territorial's for 12 years before the outbreak of war. In June 1940 there were many bombing raids over England and James was stationed in Lincolnshire. He had been home on the day previous to the raid when he was on sentry duty. James was injured and taken to hospital but had died before his wife could be by his side. He was the first Batley Roman Catholic to fall in the war.

James was buried at Batley Cemetery on the 11 June 1940 with over 200 people in attendance and Father O'Mahoney conducted the service. Representing his battalion was Lieutenant G.H. Houston along with four comrades who had served with him in the Territorial's who were Corporals "Freddie" Fox and R. Hirst, and Privates Thomas Foley and G. Bennett. The Irish Democratic League was represented.

James was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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