Herbert Law





Rank: - Private

Number: - 33658

Regiment: - Lincolnshire Regiment 1st Labour Coy. transf. to (23667) 40th Coy. Labour Corps

Died of Wounds: - 24/06/1917 Age: 33 years

Cemetery: - Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium X1V.D.20

"IN THE MIDST OF LIFE, WE ARE IN DEATH"

Batley News, 7 Jul 1917, 14 Jul 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Herbert was born in Batley in c.1884 the youngest son of Giblin and Ada Law (nee Drake). The couple had married on the 1st August 1868 at Batley Parish Church. Giblin was a mechanic who came from Saddleworth and in 1891 the family was living at 4, Tillotson Street, Batley. Ada hailed from Ossett.

Mary Ann died in May 1870 aged 7 weeks, Martha was born in 1871 followed by Edward 1874 – February 1875, Sarah Jane 1876 who died September 1895, Edith 1878.

Giblin died in February 1903.

In 1911 Herbert was working as a coal miner but before he enlisted he worked in the measuring department at Messrs. Stubley's, Batley. The Batley News reports him to have been a tall, well-built young man.

On the 13th April 1914 he married Dorothy Ottewell at St. Paul's Church Hanging Heaton when he gave his occupation as a cloth warehouseman. Norman was born in 1915. Herbert was a member of the Young Men's Class at Hanover Street Sunday School.

Service Details

Herbert enlisted in February 1917 and went to France with the Labour Battalion. His wife was informed that he was badly wounded in the head on the 20th June and was critical. He passed away four days later on June 24th 1917.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley Congregational Sunday School and Batley War Memorial.



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