Irvin Leach


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DONE
DOROTHY
BELOVED WIFE OF
WILLIAM LEACH
ALSO THE ABOVE
WILLIAM LEACH
ACED 57 YEARS
IRVIN SON OF THE ABOVE

Rank: - Sergeant

Number: - 72233

Regiment/ Battalion: - West Yorkshire Regiment

Died: - 6th March 1917 aged 24 years

Cemetery; - Batley E 293

Family Details

Irvin was born in Batley in 1893 the son of Birstall born William and Dorothy Leach (nee Nicholson). The couple had married in Batley on 26th June 1880.

The couple were living in Taylor Street in 1891 with children Grace (1884), Lionel (1890) and Dorothy's sisters Emily and Martha Ann Nicholson.

In 1911 William a scribbling overlooker, was living with Grace, Lionel and Irvin and sister in law Emily at 19, Purlwell Lane, Batley. Irvin was working as a tailor.

Dorothy died on 1st March 1902 and William died on 17th February 1917 about two weeks before Irvin.

Service Details

Irvin signed his short-term attestation papers on the 7th June 1915 at Colsterdale. He gave his age as 22years 8 months and his occupation was a clothier's fitter (tailor) living at 19, Purlwell Lane, Batley. He was 6feet 2 inches tall and he gave his father William Leach as his next of kin. He joined the 15th West Yorkshire Regiment at Colsterdale. He was posted at Otley on the 23rd July 1915 as a Private but was recommended to a Lance Corporal on 11th November 1915 and was appointed an acting Corporal on the 18th December and a Sergeant on 12th January 1916 giving the occupation as master tailor.

He was in the Infirmary at Newcastle in May and June 1916 having a growth removed from his right groin.

On the 17th January 1917 a claim was made at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea London W1 for a pension for Irvin Leach but was rejected.

His service records show he was “at home” on home service from 6th June 1915 until 27th January 1917 when he was discharged and awarded the Silver War Badge. He was army certificates and education was classed as good.

Irvin died on the 6th March 1917 at 19, Purlwell Lane, Batley and was interred at Batley Cemetery on Saturday 10th March 1917 after a service at St.Andrew’s.

Irvin is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial and St. Andrew’s, Purlwell.

He was awarded the Silver War Badge.





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