Tom Lister



Rank: - Private

Number: - 202160

Regiment: - York and Lancaster Regiment (Formerly 4835 KOYLI) 1/4th (Hallamshire) (T.F.) Battalion

Killed in Action: - 14/04/1918 Age: 23 years

Memorial: - Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium Panel 125-128

Family Details

Tom was born on the 14th December 1894 in Birkenshaw the son of Thomas and Jane Ellen Lister nee Elsey who had married on the 22nd August 1878 at Batley Parish Church. Florence Sarah was born in 1879 in Batley followed by Jane 1880, Joseph William in 1882 (Soothill), Elsey 1885 who died aged 4 months December 1885, Jane 1886 (Batley Carr), Tom 1891-June 1893, Tom 1894, Alfred 1897 (Birkenshaw), Gilbert and Susan 1899 in Birstall

Thomas came from Newark, Nottingham and Jane Ellen from London and in 1901 the family was living at 2, Charlesworth Buildings, Raikes Lane, Birstall Thomas being a labourer at an iron foundry.

Thomas died in September 1910. In 1911 Jane and her sons, Tom and Alfred, were living at 4, Hume Street, Batley in a two roomed home. Tom was working as a foundry labourer at the Victoria Foundry.

Tom married Sarah Ann Stringer on the 6th December 1913 at St. Mary's Church, Gomersal and he gave his employment as a colliery bye-worker. Lizzie was born in 1914 and Jane Ellen the following year.

Service Details

Tom enlisted at Wakefield (Gomersal) on the 31st March 1915.

The 1/4th (Hallamshire) Battalion landed at Boulogne-sur-Mer as part of the 3rd West Riding Brigade in the West Riding Division in April 1915 for service on the Western Front.

In 1918 they fought at: -

The Battle of Estaires (9-11 April)
The Battle of Messines (10-11 April)
The Battle of Bailleul in which the Division defended Neuve Eglise (13-15 April)
which were phases of the Battles of the Lys

Tom was killed in action 14th April 1918.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.

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