Leonard Lodge





Rank: - Private

Number: - 23/483

Regiment: - Durham Light Infantry 20th Battalion

Died from an Apopleptic Fit, (however, a close friend reported seeing him alive on 4th July that Year !!): - 24/06/1917 Age: 32 years

Cemetery: - Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Belgium 111.G.15

Batley News, 14 Jul 1917, 21 Jul 1917 (photo)

husband of Katie Holgate (formerly Lodge), of 7, Carlisle St., Wellington Rd., Leeds.

Family Details

Leonard was born in 1885 the son of Henry (Harry) and Emma Lodge (nee Armitage, m. 20 Sep 1873, Thornhill, St Michael and All Angels). He was baptised at St. Thomas's Church, Batley on the 11th November 1885 when his father gave his occupation as a cloth drawer, living in Park Road, Batley.

Harry came from Flockton and Emma from Dewsbury where their eldest children, Edith 1874, Wilfred 1876, Eliza 1878 were born before they moved to Batley and the births of Herbert 1879, Charlie 1883, Leonard and Hilda 1894.In 1891 the family was living at 39, Cross Park Street, Batley and Harry was employed as a cloth drawer. A decade later saw them living at 31, Wellington Street, Batley and 16-year-old Leonard was working as a mill time-keeper.

The family moved again to live at 58, Purlwell Lane, Batley and in 1911 Leonard was employed as a fried fish cooker. On the 19th October 1915 Leonard married Katie Kaye at Batley Parish Church, his occupation at this time being a teamer.

Before enlisting Leonard was employed by Mr. P. Jenkinson, linoleum merchant, as a teamer. The family moved to live in Leeds before 1917.

Service Details

Leonard's service records have not survived but we know he did not serve abroad before 1916.

Conflicting reports about Leonard's death was received. His wife received official notification that he had died on June 24th of an apoplectic fit, but a Batley taxi-driver Mr. Newsome Taylor who was a first-class air mechanic with the R.F.C. writing to his mother in Wellington Street with the date July 4th

"I was out this morning and I came across Leonard Lodge. He told me he was not very well and he has been in hospital. He said he ought to have been in the last "Push" but he was not strong enough, so the officer told him to stop back. He is very week and in a convalescent home. He looks very bad, and I think he will get home. He told me he had seen Alfred Ineson (also of Wellington Street). He is not far from me."

Leonard was subject to apoplectic fits and it was hoped that he may have been regarded as dead after having one. Sadly, he did die.

Katie married Joseph W. Holgate in Leeds in January 1918.

Leonard was awarded the British War Medal, 1914-18 and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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