Edward Harold Moore







Rank: - Private

Number: - 203581

Regiment: - 4th South Staffs 4th Battalion Transf. to (26799) 45th Coy Labour Corps

Died: - 12 April 1918 aged 30 years

Cemetery: - Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, Nord, France 1.Q.8

"AT REST FROM HIS WIFE LAURA AND HIS DAUGHTER BETSY"

Batley Reporter, 11 Apr 1919 (classifieds) Dewsbury Reporter, 20 Apr 1918 (photo).

Family Details

Edward Harold was born in Hopton, Mirfield on the 1st May 1887 and baptised on the 3rd June 1887 at St. John's Church, Upper Hopton the son of Fred and Eliza Moore nee Garfitt of 21, New Street, Lower Hopton. Fred gave his occupation as a plumber. Edward had an elder brother Charles born 1996 and although they were young children in 1891 their mother worked as a condenser minder. Before 1901 the family had moved to South Street, Mirfield and thirteen-year-old Edward was working at a railway bookstall.

The family moved to 9, Oldroyd's Yard, Batley Carr where Fred died in March 1909. The family moved to Dale Street, Batley Carr and later his mother moved to North Street, Lower Hopton, Mirfield.

Edward attended the Congregational Day School and after school worked for Messrs. James Walker & Sons, Blanket Manufacturers and later moved to Batley Carr to work for Messrs John Fenton & Sons, in the rag grinding department. In early 1916 Edward married Laura Newsome and Betsy was born later that year. They lived at 32, Dale Street, Batley Carr but after his death Laura moved to 33, Back Bright Street, Springfield, Dewsbury.

Service Details

It is not known when Edward enlisted but he did not serve abroad before 1916.

His wife received a field card from him to say he was wounded and the following day she received a letter from the sister-in-charge of the ward in a French hospital where he was telling her he had been admitted on the 16th inst. With a wound in the abdomen and he had passed away.

Two days previous to receiving this letter Betsy had been taken to Oakwell Joint Hospital suffering from an infectious disease. His brother, Charles, at this time was in hospital in Torquay suffering from trench fever.

Edward Harold was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal and is remembered with Honour at Dewsbury and Batley War Memorials.



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