Joah Mortimer



Rank: - Private

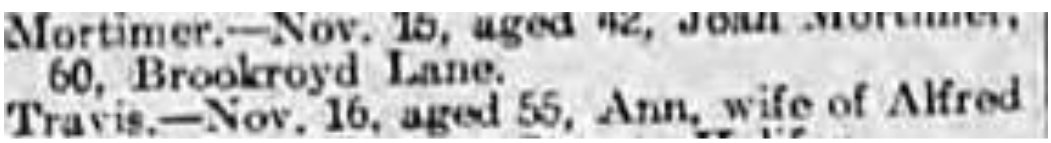
Number: -?

Regiment: - Durham Light Infantry **OR** Labour Corps, 693 Agricultural Company.

Died: - 15/11/1918 Age: 22 years

Cemetery: - Batley Cemetery, Yorkshire, H 327

Batley News, 23 Nov 1918 (deaths)


Mortimer.—Nov. 15, aged 42, Joah Mortimer,
60, Brookroyd Lane.
Travis.—Nov. 16, aged 55, Ann, wife of Alfred

Family Details

Joah was born in Batley on the 27th January 1896 the son of Arthur and Alice Mortimer nee Sykes who had married at Christ Church, Ossett on the 19th December 1880. He was baptised at Carlinghow, St. John's Church on the 23rd February 1896 when the family lived at Rosebank Street, Batley.

His siblings were: -Hannah Eliza born 1881 and sadly died aged 3 years in 1884, Edith Ellen in 1882 followed by Bertha 1885, William 1887 and George Arthur 1891. Arthur was a joiner/cabinet maker and his eldest son, William followed on in his footsteps. In 1901 the family was living at 9, Rosebank Street, Batley and his widowed paternal grandmother was living with them. His father died in September 1907. After the death of Arthur, the family moved to live at 29, Beck Lane, Batley which was a one up and one down house although there were five adults living there. William was working as a joiner like his father had done before him, but Joah was working as a piecener. Alice died in February 1914 and his grandmother in February 1915.

George Arthur and Joah went to live at 60, Brookroyd Lane, Batley.

Service Details

25th (Works) Battalion (Durham Light Infantry).

Formed at Pocklington in May 1916. Moved to Skipton in August 1916. In April 1917 became 7th Labour Bn of the Labour Corps, possibly the 693 Agricultural Company. He remained in England throughout the war.

Joah is remembered with honour at St Saviour's Brownhill; Temperance Hall - Smithies Lane, Birstall; Independent Order of Rechabites, Hope of Birstall Lodge, Batley War Memorial.



Researched by members of Batley History Group