# John Murphy





**Rank: -** Ex-L/Cpl.

**Number: -** N/K

**Regiment: -** Army Ordnance Corps

**Died in hospital after the war: -** 23/12/1919 Age: 30 years

**Cemetery:** - Batley, Yorkshire O 383

MURPHY.—On December 24th, 1919, at Bradford Hospital, John Murphy, aged 30. Interment will take place at Batley Cemetery on Sunday next, at 3.30, leaving the house of his sister and brtoher-in-law, 23, Pearl Street, Carlinghow, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

Batley Reporter, 26 Apr 1918. Batley News, 27 Apr 1918 (photo), 27 Dec 1919 (classifieds)

## Family Details

John was born in Dewsbury in c.1889 the son of James and Mary Ann Murphy nee Buckley who married in 1885, registered Dewsbury. James was a cloth percher living with his family at 53, Tweedale Street, Dewsbury in 1891. Margaret was born in 1888 followed by John, Lizzie (Elizabeth) 1893, Mary Alice 1895, Clarissa 1898, Agnes 1900, the three youngest having been born in Mirfield and Willie 1902.

Before 1901 the family had moved to live at Albion Street, Ravensthorpe and James had changed his occupation to become a coal mining banks-man. James died in 1907 and Mary Ann had moved to live with Mary Alice, Clarissa and Willie to Court 4, No.2 King Street, Batley and John was boarding at 48, Beckett Road, Batley Carr with his sister Margaret and husband Joseph Higgins. He was working as a mule piecer in a woollen mill. The family later went to live in Pearl Street, Batley. His mother at no.28 and his sister at no.23.Before he enlisted John worked at Messrs. M. Oldroyd and Co.'s Calder Mills, Dewsbury as a night spinner.

## Service Details

John's service records have not survived but from newspaper reports he enlisted around April 1916 and went to France a year later.

In April 1918 his mother received notification that John was in hospital in Rouen having severe gunshot wounds in the head and left cheek. He was brought back to England and died on 23rd December 1919 at Hallfield Road Hospital, Bradford. He was buried at Batley Cemetery the following Sunday.

John was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal and is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.




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