Percy Clarence Parker J.P. F.C.A.



Rank: - Major

Number: - 45808

Regiment: - Durham Light Infantry

Died: - Died at his home 26/01/1942 Age: 49 years.

Cemetery: - Manchester Crematorium Panel 18

Percy Clarence was born on 29 February 1892 in Batley the son of William and Mary Ann Parker nee Barnett who had married on 1 Oct 1881, registered Gloucester) of Limefield House, Batley. William was a J.P. and a director of Messrs. Wrigley and Parker Bros. Ltd. His siblings were Harold Jubb 1877, Edith Marie 1882, Victor Barnett 1884, William Barnett 1886, Minnie Barnett 1898. His half siblings were Albert Edward 1869-1891, Ann Elizabeth 1872, Herman 1874, Harold Jubb 1877, their mother Hannah Senior had died in 1880.

Percy attended Batley Grammar School and at the outbreak of WW1 he enlisted as a Private in the West Yorkshire Regiment and when he was demobbed held the rank of Lieut. Colonel. He was awarded the Military Cross for bravery.

On 23 November 1915 he married Mabel Hirst at St. Thomas Church, Batley. Joan was born in 1920 and Ann in 1922.

When he returned to civilian life after the Great War, he became a chartered accountant and entered Manchester City Council as a Conservative. He did much valuable work in the Finance, Transport, Watch and General and Parliamentary Committee and since November 1941 served as deputy chairman of the Finance Committee.

Percy was invalided out of the Army in September 1941 because of heart troubles.

Percy died at his home 4, Broadway, Bramall, Cheshire on Monday 26 January 1942.

DEATH OF MAJOR PERCY PARKER, M.C.

Son of a Former Batley Magistrate.

Major Percy Clarence Parker, M.C., J.P., who died at his home, 4, Broadway, Bramhall, Cheshire, on Monday, at the age of 49, was a son of the late Mr. Wm. Parker, J.P., a director of Messrs. Wrigley and Parker Bros., Ltd.

Major Parker was an "old boy" of Batley Grammar School and married Miss Mabel Hirst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. J. Hirst and sister of Captain George W. Hirst, of "Fairmount," Upper Batley.

The Major was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in the Great War and on returning to civil life as a chartered accountant, entered Manchester City Council as a Conservative. He did much valuable work on the Finance, Transport, Watch and General and Parliamentary Committees, and since last November had served as deputy chairman of the Finance Committee. Five years ago he was elected honorary secretary of the Conservative Group in the Council and he was one of the Corporation directors on the Manchester Ship Canal Company.

At the outbreak of the last war he enlisted as a Private in the West Yorkshire Regiment and when demobilised held the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel. Sixteen months ago he was again commissioned to his old regiment, but was invalided out of the Army four months ago on account of heart trouble.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Parker and her two daughters. Miss Joan Parker is acting as head cook at a soldiers' convalescent hospital at Marple, and Miss Ann Parker is training to be a gym. mistress at Dartford Physical Training College.

The Major is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Alfred Pearson, of Bramhall, Cheshire, Mrs. Victor Kilburn, of Kelvin Grove, Batley, Miss Minnie Barnett Parker (Rockbourne, near Salisbury), and a brother, Mr. Harold J. Parker, of Timothy Lane, Upper Batley. Another brother, Mr. Willie Barnett Parker, the film actor, died recently in Hollywood.

Cremation was at Manchester yesterday.

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Percy is remembered with Honour at Batley Grammar School and Batley War Memorial. Percy had been awarded the Military Cross; The 1914-15 Star; The British War Medal, 1914-18 and the Victory Medal during WW1, and then the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal during WW2.



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