Joseph Parker





Rank: - Private

Number: - 133574

Regiment: - Durham Light Infantry, transferred to (200996) 229th Employment Coy. Labour Corps.

Died of Dysentry: - 8th November 1917 aged 37

Cemetery: - Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France XXX.K.16

"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN, R.I.P."

Family Details

Joseph was born in Batley in c.1879 the son of Thomas and Annie Parker (nee Smith).

In 1881 he was living in Brearley Street with his parents and siblings James William 1877 and John Thomas born 1880 and died February 1883.

In 1891 he was living with his mother, who was a knitter, and siblings James William 1877, Mathias 1884 and John Edward 1887 at 16, Peel Street, Batley next door to William Henry Clough who died of wounds 16th November 1917.

Before 1901 the family moved to live at 26, North Street, Cross Bank, Batley.

Joseph attended Park Road School and Wellington Street Methodist Church and was a former member of Batley Working Men's Club.

He was a teamer at J.T. & J. Taylor's Blakeridge Mills prior to working for John Blackburn, Old Mill as a rag grinder for three years before he joined the Forces.

Service Records

Joseph enlisted at Batley in February 1917 and went to France in April 1917.

He spent five of the seven months he was in France in hospital. He died of dysentery at Etaples Military Hospital.

Joseph was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Wellington Street Methodist Church and Batley War Memorial.



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