Frank Pearson





Rank: - Private

Number: -34362

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 7th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 6/02/1917 Age: 39 years

Cemetery: - Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm), Belgium
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Batley News, 17 Feb 1917. Batley Reporter, 16 Feb 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Frank was born in Hipperholme, c.1877 the son of Ezra and Clara Pearson (nee Sucksmith, m. 1876, registered Halifax). He was baptised at Coley on 22nd April 1877.

In 1881 he was living with his parents and brotherThomas 1881 at 5, Common Wood Head, Hipperholme and Ezra was working as a carpet weaver. His brother,Thomas died in 1882. In 1891 the family with the additions of Ethel 1885 and Edith Annie 1887 was living at Sun Buildings, Lightcliffe Road, and Frank was working as a grocer's assistant.

On 26th March 1898 he married Mary Eliza Langley at Dewsbury.
In 1901 the couple was living at 1, Heaton's Yard, Commercial Street, Batley with their son Levi and Frank gave his employment as a grocer's warehouseman. Before 1911 they had moved to live at 9, Heaton's Yard with the additions of Fred 1901 and Clara 1904.

He worked for 17 years for Mr. J. L. Heaton, grocer, Commercial Street as a carrier and warehouseman and was a very popular figure in the town. Before he came to Batley, he was employed by Brighouse Co-operative Society for nine years. He attended Batley P.S.A. and was also a member of Batley Working Men's Club.

Service Details

Frank attested under the Derby Scheme in August 1916. He went to the Font just before Christmas 1916.

Frank had only been at the Front for a few weeks when his wife received a letter from Harry Hargreaves, another Batley soldier in the same Battalion: - *"I feel it is my duty to inform you that your husband, Frank, was killed on Tuesday 6th February. He had only been in the trenches two days when he went under. He was my sleeping partner before we went into the trenches, and I feel it very much, I can tell you. I was only 20 yards away when it happened. I feel very sorry for you in your sad bereavement."* He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. Frank is remembered with Honour at Batley Working Men's Club and Batley War Memorial.

