Frank Pickering



Rank: - Private

Number: - 28295

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 1st Battalion

Killed in Action: - 3rd October 1918 aged 22years

Cemetery: - Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy, Aisne, France 1.A.9

Batley News, 26 Oct 1918

Family Details

Frank was born in Batley in 1896 the son of John and Elizabeth Pickering nee Beevers had married on the 29th April 1877 at Batley Parish Church. John was a power loom tuner and after their marriage the couple first lived in Ambler Street, Batley where George was born on the 17th June 1877 before they went to Berlin, Germany where Arthur was born in 1882, John 1886 and Harriett Ellen 1889. In 1891 the family had returned to Yorkshire and were living in Beeston, Leeds but moved to Churwell before the birth of Alf in 1891 and returned to live in Batley before the birth of Frank.

In 1901 they were living at Middle Road, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury but the family must have returned to live in Batley shortly after because Frank attended Park Road School and was a Talbot Street Methodist Sunday School scholar. After leaving school he was employed in the milling department of Messrs. C. Robinson & Co. Ltd.

The 1911 census shows the family was living at 17a, Albert Street, Batley and the couple had six children who had survived infancy and two had died. His father, John, died in February 1919.

Service Details

It is not known when Frank enlisted but he did not serve broad before January 1916 and may have served in Salonika before going to France in July 1918.

The Regiment moved on the 15th July 1918 to become attached to 151st Brigade in 50th (Northumbrian) Division and took part in: -

The Battle of the St Quentin Canal (29th September-2nd October)
The Battle of the Beaurevoir Line (3rd-5th October)
which were phases of the Battles of the Hindenburg Line

Private Alfred North who lived in Mount Pleasant wrote to his relatives: -

"I suppose you will have heard that Frank Pickering has made the supreme sacrifice and I should be gratefully obliged if you would convey to his people my deepest sympathy in their loss. He was killed in action on October 3rd along with

others, two of whom were also Batley lads and all of us pals in the same draft. As far as I can gather, he was killed instantly and suffered no pain."

His parents at this time lived at 1a, Eyre Street, Batley and his brother John was in France with the Labour Battalion whilst his brother Coy. Sergt. Major Alf Pickering was in hospital in Liverpool having been wounded in the back.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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