Albert Edward Pickles



Rank: - Senior Reserve Attendant

Number: - M.15705. (Po)

Regiment: - Royal Navy Auxiliary Sick Berth Reserve HMS Victory

Died from Pneumonia at Gosport Naval Hospital: - 09/03/1919 Age: 30 years

Cemetery: - Batley, Yorkshire G 284

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Family Details

Albert Edward was born in Batley on the 12th December 1888 the son of Albert and Margaret Pickles nee Smith who had married on the 21st July 1888 at Batley Parish Church. He was baptised at St. Peter and St. Leonard's Church, Horbury on the 8th October 1890. His father was described as a weaver when he was baptised but in 1891 when they were living with his paternal grandfather David Pickles, at 4, Court1, Hilberoyd Road, Batley his father was employed as a mason's labourer. Both his grandfather and father were born in Horbury whilst his mother was born in Germany.

Before 1901 the family had moved to live at 1, Court 1, Brearley Street, Batley and his father was employed as a stone mason. His mother died in February 1909 and the family were still living in the same two roomed home in 1911 although his father had become an employer as a building contractor.

Albert attended Purlwell Council School and Batley Parish Church where he was a member of the Church Lads' Brigade. He later became a earnest member of the Batley Ambulance Brigade. In civilian life he worked as a joiner for Messrs. Joseph Brooke and Sons, Upper Road, Batley Carr.

He married Emily Broadhead on the 4th February 1913 at All Saints Church, Darton. The couple lived at Belvedere Road, Mount Pleasant.

Service Details

Albert Edward joined the Royal Naval Sick Berth Reserve in 1915 and served throughout the war. He came home on leave in early March 1919 and was taken ill and although scarcely fit to make the return journey he insisted on returning to his duties and developed pneumonia. He died at Gosport Naval Hospital.

At the internment were members of the Batley Ambulance Brigade under the charge of Sgt. Harry Greenwood, local members of the S.B.R. who were home on leave and Mr. E. Midgley who was superintendant of the Church Lads' Brigade which was by this time defunct also attended.

Albert Edward is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial. He was awarded the British War Medal.



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