Roland George Pride



Rank: - Ex- Senior Reserve Attendant

Number: - M/9900

Regiment: - Royal Naval Sick Berth Reserve H.M.S. Pembroke

Died at Home after the war (Howden Clough): - 12th February 1923

Cemetery: - Birstall (St. Peter) Churchyard Extension A 1293

Batley News 13/1/1917(brother) 17 Feb 1923 (classifieds)

Researched by members of Batley History Group

Family Details

Roland George was born in Leeds on the 9th June 1895 the son of Oscar Granville and Fanny Pride nee Neville who had married on the 4th August 1887at Christ Church, Folkestone, Kent.

In 1901 the family was living at 34, Roscoe Street, Leeds and Oscar was working as a cart-man for a cocoa works. Albert Montague was born in 1887 followed by Oscar Neville 1892, Roland and Norman 1902. All the children were born in Leeds but the family moved to 89, Mann's Buildings, Birstall before the 1911 was taken. They were still at this address in 1923.

Service Details

Rowland George enlisted on the 5th August 1914 for one year. He had brown hair, was 5 ft. 5 inches tall, hazel eyes and a fair complexion. He was sent to Pembroke 1 until the 31st December 1914 when he was transferred to a hospital ship until the 22nd July when he was transferred back to Pembroke1. From the 15th October 1915 he served on the Gibraltar Hospital until October 1918 when he was transferred back to the Pembroke 1. His character was reported to be very good and his ability satisfactory. He was discharged on 6th April 1919.

Roland George died from TB and peritonitis but was twice refused a pension. It must have been debatable if this was caused because of his war service.

The following appeared in the Batley News on the 17th February 1923.

PRIDE- February 12th at Howden Clough, Birstall, Rowland George, aged 28 years, the beloved son of Oscar and Fanny Pride.

George was awarded the 1914 Star, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.

