# James William Raynor



BATLEY.
Aug. 30, aged 32, James W. Raynor, 48, Richmond Street.
Senior.—Sept. 3, aged 5, Alice, daughter of

**Rank: -** Private

**Number: -** 19040

**Regiment/Battalion: -** King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 9th Battalion

**Died at Wakefield Asylum: -** 30th August 1919 aged 32

**Cemetery: -** Batley I 230 (only person in grave) Yorkshire

## Family Details

James William was born in 1886 at Hoyland Nether the son of John and Lucy Ann Raynor.

John came from Sheffield and Lucy was a Thorpe Heslop girl. The family moved around probably finding work for John who was a miner.

Frank was born in 1869 in Hoyland, Mary E (1871) in Carbrook, Francis (Fanny) (1872) Hoyland, Isaac (1875) in Tankersley, Rose Hannah (1877) in Tankersley, Lilian (1880) in Tankersley, David (1883) Wharncliffe, James William (1886) and Reginald (1893). The 1911 census shows that there were 10 children born alive to this couple.

In 1881 the family was living at 42, Lilley Colliery, Tankersley where John was employed as a miner. Within the next decade the family moved to 28, Central Street, Hoyland Nether.

In 1901 the family was still in Hoyland Nether but had moved to 18, New Street, and John had become a cordwainer but all his sons were working in the mines. John died in 1905 and the family moved to Barnsley Road, Stairfoot before 1911. Reginald was the only son not to be a coal miner and he worked as a house painter. In 1907 Rose Hannah married Frank Senior from 48, Richmond Street, Batley who was also a painter. It would appear that the only connection to Batley was his sister and that she buried him her local cemetery.

## Service Records

James William attested on the 2nd November 1914 and was posted to the 9th K.O.Y.L.I. on the 5th November 1914, going to France on the 11th September 1915.

The 9th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry were part of 64th Brigade in the 21st Division.

In 1915 they fought at the Battle of Loos. In 1916 they fought at the Battles of Albert, Bazentin Ridge, Flers-Courcelette, Morval and Le Transloy.

In 1917 they saw action in the Battles of The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, First and Third Battle of Scarpe, flanking operations around Bullecourt, which were around the Arras area. These were followed by the Battles of Polygon Wood, Broodseinde and the Second Battle of Paschendaele.

In 1918 they saw action at the Battles of St Quentin, Bapaume, Messines, Second Battle of Kemmel, Battles of the Aisne, Albert, and Epehy before John William was sent back to England.

In June 1918 he was sent back to England with a disability which was described as general paralysis of the insane. He was sent first to a general hospital and then Maudsley in July before going to Rochester Row for treatment in September and then to Nottingham War Hospital on 3rd October. He was later examined and was sent to Wakefield Asylum in December 1918 where he died in August 1919. His war records do not seem to have survived but according to Medals and Awards he was discharged on 20th November 1918 and his medals were returned.

He is remembered with Honour on St. John's Church, Carlinghow and Batley War Memorial.



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