Clement Senior





Rank: - Private

Number: - 35313

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 6th Battalion

Died of Wounds: - 25th August 1917 aged 18 years

Cemetery: - Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium XV111.A.10A

Batley News, 8 Sep 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Clement was born in Earlsheaton on 2nd September 1898 and baptised Earlsheaton St Peter's Church on 6th September 1899 the son of Herman and Ada Senior nee Hemingway. The couple had married at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 20th April1889.

Harold was born on 11th September 1893 followed by Clifford 3rd April 1896.

In 1901 he was living at Cross Street, Earlsheaton the home of his paternal grandparents because his mother had died in 1900. His grandmother, later of Headland Lane, brought him up and he attended Earlsheaton C. of E. School and Highfield Congregational Church Sunday School.

His father married Hannah Maud Lee in the September Qtr 1904 and the family, went to live at 11, Jack Lane, Common side, Dewsbury. Ethel was born in 1905 followed by twins Alice 1908 and Leslie who sadly died in 1912 aged four years. His father died in March Qtr 1911 aged 41 years.

Just before enlisting (under age) he worked for Mr. Chas. Illingworth, fell mongers, Sands Mill, Earlsheaton.

Service Details

Clement enlisted at Wakefield in April 1915 when he was only 16 years old and after a few months training offered himself for active service. The authorities were notified so he could not go to France. In January 1916 he was at Saltfleet on home service and in September 1916 went to France with the 2nd Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. but three months later he was in hospital with trench feet. He returned to the trenches at Christmas 1916 but was sent back to England in February 1917 in consequence of another attack of trench feet. He crossed the Channel again at Whitsuntide with another Battalion (6th) of the K.O.Y.L.I.

On the first Saturday in September his grandmother received news that he had died a week previously from shrapnel wounds, in the neck, back and abdomen.

His brother Harold Senior was Killed in Action on 17th July 1917.

Clement was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Dewsbury War Memorial; Earlsheaton Park War Memorial; St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton; Earlsheaton Highfield Congregational Church (demolished and memorial relocated to Longcausway URC) and Batley War Memorial.



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