Herbert Senior



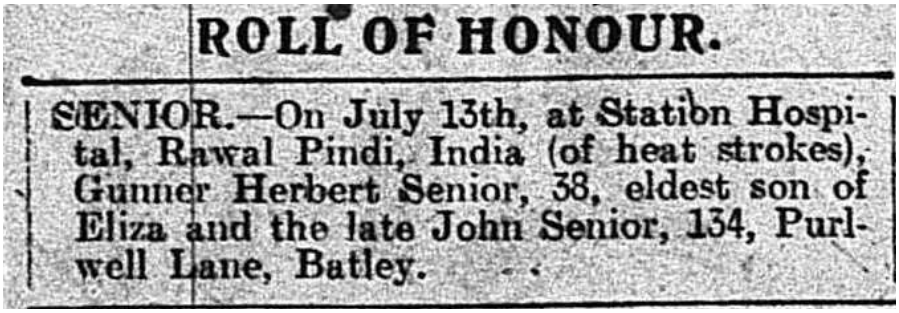
Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 214380

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillery 2nd Ammunition Col.

Died of Heatstroke: - 13th July 1918 aged 38 years

Cemetery: - Rawalpindi War Cemetery, India (Pakistan). 1. G. 8



ROLL OF HONOUR.

SENIOR.—On July 13th, at Station Hospital, Rawal Pindi, India (of heat strokes), Gunner Herbert Senior, 38, eldest son of Eliza and the late John Senior, 134, Purlwell Lane, Batley.

Batley News, 3 Aug 1918 (Roll of Honour)

Family Details

Herbert was born in Batley on the 12th April 1880 the eldest son of John and Eliza Senior nee Oldfield. The couple had married at Batley Parish Church on 20th February 1873. Herbert was baptised at Batley Parish Church on the 30th May 1880 giving the address as Hanging Heaton and his father's occupation as a teazle setter.

Less than a year later when the 1881 census was taken, he was living at Upper Batley where his father was described as a farmer of 20 acres. His sister Jane Elizabeth was born in 1874. John Richard had been born in 1877 but sadly died aged 18 months in November 1878.

In 1891 the family with the addition of Harry, who was born in 1885 in Soothill, were living in Soothill Lane and John was described as a tenterer.

In 1901 the family was living at 134, Purlwell Lane, John was a Universal Water manufacturer, Jane Elizabeth was a woollen weaver and Herbert and Henry Vaux (Harry) were grocer' s assistants.

On 12th February 1906 Herbert married Annie Blackburn at St. Mark's Church, Woodhouse, Leeds. They gave their address as 77, Raglan Road, Leeds and his occupation as a commercial traveller. His father, John, was said to be a pawn broker.

In 1911 Herbert was living with his wife, Annie and nine-year-old daughter, Doris, in a ten roomed home at The Brewery, Snaith, Cowick, Goole giving his occupation as a brewer of ales and stouts.

Eliza died in 1934.

Service Details

Herbert died of heat stroke at Station Hospital, Rawal, India.

The 2nd Ammunition Column, not to be confused with the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column which was based in France, was a regular army division of the British Indian Army which was formed in 1903 after the reforms of the Indian Army. During World War 1 it remained in India for local defence but it was

mobilised for action on the north- west frontier on several occasions during this period.

2nd Ammunition Column was part of 2nd Indian (Rawalpindi) Division along with 7th Brigade RFA, 'W' Battery RHA and some Mountain Batteries.

Herbert's service records have not survived so we cannot give a definite date when he joined them. We do know according to the Batley News that he died of heat stroke at Station Hospital, Rawal, India.

Rawalpindi War Cemetery contains 257 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, connected mainly with the operations on the North-West Frontier. It is situated in the cantonment area, which can be reached by taxi from Islamabad Airport or from any hotel in the capital city. It is part of the Protestant Cemetery known as Gorah Qabrastaan (The Foreign Cemetery).

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Herbert is remembered with Honour at Up Lane Sunday School and Batley War Memorial.



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