Seth Shaw



Rank: - Private

Number: - 62216

Regiment: - West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) "D" Coy. 15th /17th Battalion

Missing, presumed Killed in Action: - 12th April 1918 aged 19 years

Cemetery: - Le Grand Beaumart British Cemetery, Steenwerck, Nord, France 111.G.12

Batley News, 4 Jan 1919. Batley Reporter, 28 Mar 1919

Family Details

Seth was born in Dewsbury in c.1899 the son of Joseph Noble and Sarah Ann Shaw nee Newsome who had married on 18th September 1880 at St. John's Church, Dewsbury.

When the 1901 census was taken Seth was living at Birkhead Fold, Moorend Lane, Dewsbury with his parents and siblings Jim1881, Albert 1884, Ben 1885, Noah 1887, Sam 1892, Duke 1894, and Fred aged 8 weeks. His father was a blanket raiser. Hilda was born about 1902.

According to the 1911 census the couple had thirteen children but four had died in infancy. When this was taken the family had moved to live in a 3 roomed home at 16, Dewsbury Gate Road, Batley.

Seth attended Staincliffe Church of England School and later worked in the finishing department of Messrs. G. & J. Stubley's, Bottoms Mill, Batley.

Service Details

Seth enlisted in May 1917 and trained at both Rugeley and Clipstone Camps before going to France in April 1918.

The battalion had fought at the First Battle of Bapaume on 24th/25th March but according to newspaper reports he would have arrived shortly after this battle.

He arrived in France, according to newspaper reports, and was reported to be missing, presumed killed in action on 12th April 1918.

Red Cross reports indicate that he was captured and died in captivity at a later unspecified date. At the time his brother Sam was serving in India.

Seth was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal and is remembered with Honour at Christ Church Staincliffe; Staincliffe C. of E. Junior School and Batley War Memorial.



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