Percy Gladstone Spencer



Rank: - Private

Number: - 34788

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (Formerly 4999 Yorkshire Regiment) 10th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 25/09/1916 Age: 28 years

Memorial: - Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 11 C and 12 A.



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Family Details

Percy Gladstone was born in on the 21st April 1888 the son of Bob and Annie Spencer nee Gibson and was baptised at St. Mark's Church, Dewsbury on 3rd June 1888 of Batley. In 1891 he was living with his parents at 2, Upton Street, Batley and Bob was employed as an ironmonger's assistant and his mother was a weaver.

In 1901 his parents were living in Holbeck, Bob, working in an ironmongers shop. They were still at 2, Mill Street, Holbeck in a six roomed home in1911 but Bob had become the manager of the shop.

On the 23rd February 1909 Percy Gladstone married Beatrice Mary Cross at Earlsheaton Parish Church. He gave his address as 74, Broomhill Terrace, Batley and his occupation as a tailor's manager and his father was an ironmonger's manager. Winifred Maud was born in late 1909 and Jack in 1912 in Keighley district. The family appear to have moved around the country because he enlisted in Middlesborough.

His effects were left to his wife Beatrice and children but sadly Beatrice died in 1918 in the Leeds District leaving the children orphans.

Service Details

It is not known when he enlisted but he did not serve abroad before 1916.

The 10th (Service) Battalion originally went to France in September 1915 and came under command of 64th Brigade in 21st Division and he would have joined them at a later date.

In 1916 they fought at:- The Battle of Albert (1st-13th July)
The Battle of Bazentin Ridge In 1916 they fought at
(14th -17th July)
The Battle of Flers-Courcelette (15th -22nd September)
The Battle of Morval in which the Division captured Geudecourt (25th -28th September) which *were phases of the Battles of the Somme 1916.*

Percy Gladstone was awarded the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.

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