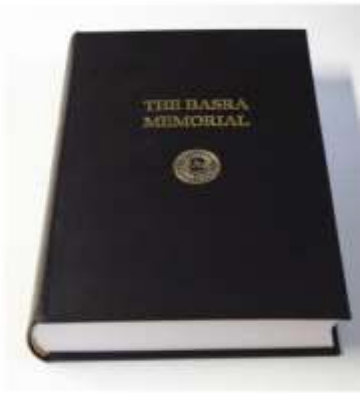
Percy Stubley







Rank: - Private

Number: - 26923

Regiment: - South Wales Borderers 4th Battalion

Killed in Action, Mesopotamia: - 30/04/1917 Age: 22 years

Memorial: - Basra Memorial, Iraq Panel 16 and 62

Batley News, 19 May 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Percy was born in Batley in 1894 the son of David and Mary Hannah Stubley nee Audsley who had married on the 19th December 1885 at Batley Parish Church. Sadly, Mary Hannah died shortly after his birth and was buried at Batley Cemetery on the 17th June 1894 when they lived at 7, Hilberoyd Road. Letitia had been born in 1886.

In 1901 David and his two children and two siblings were living with his mother, Martha Stubley at Fearnside's Yard, Commercial Street, Batley. He was working as a cloth finisher at a woollen mill.

Before 1911 Letitia had her own home and family. David had married Mary Ellen Gribbens in 1906 and John was born in January 1908 but sadly died aged 1 day. The family had moved to 8, Bond Street, Batley before 1911 and Percy was working as a shaker for an oil extractor.

Previous to joining the army he worked at Howley Park Colliery.

Service Details

Percy joined the Forces in August 1915 and at Christmas of that year was sent to India. He was then sent to Egypt and Mesopotamia where in February 1917 wrote a letter home to say he was "*well and hearty".*

News of his death arrived in Batley two days after this letter.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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