Robert Tindale







Rank: - Private

Number: - 49486

Regiment: - Lincolnshire 2nd Battalion

Killed in Action: - 21st March 1918 aged 19 years

Memorial: - Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France Panel 23 and 24

Batley News, 13 Apr 1918 (photo). Batley Reporter, 3 May 1918

Family Details

Robert was born in Batley on 8th January 1899 the son of Fred and Ada Tindale (nee Braime) and was baptised at Batley Parish Church in March 1899 when his parents gave their address as 9, Parker Place, Woodwell, Batley and Fred was employed as a teamer.

The couple had married at Batley Parish Church on 30th April 1892 and Sarah (Sally) was born later that year. Amy was born in 1894 followed by Edith 1896, Robert, May 1901, Frederick 1903, Henry 1906-1926, Florence 1908, Albert 1911 and Agnes 1917.

In 1901 the family was living at Parker Place, Woodwell but within the next decade they had moved the short distance to live at 7, Healey Lane, Batley in a four roomed home. The census states that Fred was working as a Corporation Labourer. Robert attended Batley Parish Day School and Up Lane Sunday School. Before he enlisted, he was employed by Mr. Sainter, potato merchant, Bradford Road, Batley by whom he was held in very high regard.

Service Details

The 2nd Battalion of the Lincolnshire was attached to 62nd Infantry Brigade in 21st Division.

Robert enlisted at Dewsbury in March 1917 and disembarked in France in February 1918.

The Battles of the Somme 1918 started with the Battle of St. Quentin on the 21st March 1918. A comrade wrote to his mother saying Robert had been killed. His last letter home was on March 17th before the great German offensive. He had been in France only about one month.

Robert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. And is remembered with Honour at Up Lane Sunday School, Christ Church, Staincliffe and Batley War Memorial.



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