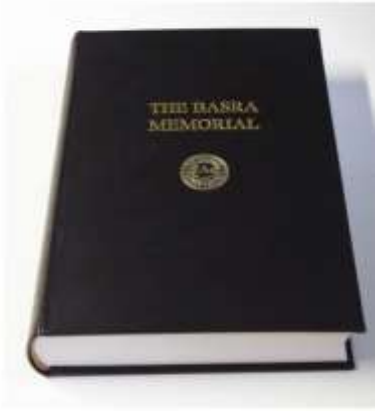
Richard Tyler







Rank: - Private

Number: - 25894

Regiment: - Gloucestershire Regiment 7th Battalion

Killed in Action, Mesopotamia; - 25/01/1917 Age: 38 years

Memorial: - Basra Memorial, Iraq Panel 17

Batley Reporter, 16 Feb 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Richard was born in Liversedge in c.1878 the son of William & Elizabeth Emma Tyler (nee Hinchcliffe). The couple had married on the 10th February 1873 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall. William gave his occupation as a carpet weaver.

In 1881 he was living with his mother and elder brother Firth 1875 as boarders at the home of Sarah Hinchcliffe of Northgate, Heckmondwike next door to the George Hotel. His mother was working as a weaver stating that she was married. Sarah Hinchcliffe was most probably his maternal grandmother.

In 1891 he was living at the home of John Shaw of Chapel Lane, Heckmondwike with fifteen-year-old Firth Tyler as a boarder and working as a cotton factor??

In 1901 he was a boarder at the home of John Shaw and his family of 44, Cullingworth Street, Staincliffe, Batley and was employed as a plasterer's carter.

He married Mary Jane O' Loughlin, who came from Dublin, in 1908. Florence May was born on the 3rd May 1910 and baptised the following day at Christ Church, Staincliffe, sadly she died almost immediately aged one day. In 1911 when the census was taken the couple was living at 42, Track Road, Batley in a one roomed home. Richard was working as a teamer and Mary Jane as a feeder minder.

Richard was before enlisting employed in the weft department of Joshua Ellis and Co. Ltd. Batley Carr.

Service Details

Harold joined the army in about 1915 and went to Mesopotamia about 12 months before he was killed.

His wife had recently had a letter from him thanking her for a parcel which he had received and was pleased because his company had to set out on a long ten day's march the following morning and the chewing gum had proved very useful during marching. He expressed the hope that his wife had a good Christmas and they had some Christmas Pudding and sauce so hadn't done too badly although they were so far from home.

His wife, of Warwick Road, Batley Carr received official news that her husband had been killed for his King and country in the recent fighting in Mesopotamia.

Richard was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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