Edward Wilson



Rank: - Private

Number: - 30957

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 9th Battalion

Died of Wounds in Germany between 15 Sep 1918 and 15 Dec 1918: - (as a prisoner of war) Age: 26/27 years

Cemetery: - Cologne Southern Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany XIV. G. 2.

Family Details

Edward was born in Batley on the 11th November 1891 the son of Henry Albert and Margaret Wilson (nee Cropper, m. 18 Sep 1880, Batley, All Saints Church). He was baptised at Hick Lane Wesleyan Chapel on the 27th December 1891 when the family lived at Wilton Street, Batley. His father, who was a grinder and glazier came from Mossley, Lancashire whilst he and his mother and sister's Maud Hettie 1884, Annie 1890 and Bertha 1897. Before 1901 the family had moved to live at 68, Bradford Road, Batley, moving again to 11, Trafalgar Street, Healey, Batley before the 1911 census was taken. Edward was working as a piecener.

On the 4th September 1912 he married Martha Ann Donnelly at Broomhill Chapel, Batley. Eva was born in 1913 and Gladys in 1915.

Service Details

The 9th (Service) Battalion came under the command of 64th Brigade in 21st Division. They first landed in France in 1915 but Edward did not serve abroad until at least 1916.

In 1918 they took part in: -
The Battle of St Quentin
The First Battle of Bapaume
which were phases of the First Battles of the Somme 1918
The Battle of Messines
The Second Battle of Kemmel
which were phases of the Battles of the Lys 1918
The Battle of the Aisne 1918
The Battle of Albert

The Second Battle of Bapaume (21 August -1 September) *which were phases of the Second Battles of the Somme 1918*
The Battle of Epehy (18 September)
The Battle of the St Quentin Canal (27 September -9 October)
The Battle of Cambrai 1918 (8-10 October)
which were phases of the Battles of the Hindenburg Line
The Battle of the Selle, a phase of the Final Advance in Picardy

It is not known when Edward was captured or the exact date of his death. It is probable that he was captured at the Battle of Epehy and taken to Germany as a prisoner of war and later died in Cologne.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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