Noah Lorriman Wilson





Rank: - Private

Number: - 26522

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 7th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 6th April 1916 aged 32 years

Cemetery: - Bard Cottage Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium 1.D.6

Batley News, 15 Apr 1916. Dewsbury Reporter, 15 Apr 1916

Family Details

Noah Lorriman was born in Alverthorpe in 1883 the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Wilson (nee Lumb).

It appears the family came to Batley around 1887 before the birth of Bertina in August 1887. The family already consisted of Elizabeth Ann born in 1864, John William 1866, Thomas 1871, Maria 1874, Sarah 1875, Arthur 1877, Emily E 1880, Noah, and Ada 1885. In 1891 the family was living at 2, Hume Street, Batley and Thomas was employed as a coal miner as were his sons Thomas and 14-year-old Arthur.

Before the 1901 census was taken the family had moved to 2, New Street, Batley and Noah was working as a coal miner but his father had become a market gardener's labourer. Noah had to leave his job as a miner because of an eye disease known as nystagmus (dancing eyes).

On 25th June 1904 Noah married Nellie Parker at Batley Parish Church.

Phyllis May was born in 1904 and baptised at Holy Trinity, Batley on 23rd November 1904 when her parents gave their address as Mill Road, Batley Carr. Sadly she died in July 1905 aged 9 months when her parents were living at 16, Mill Road, Batley Carr. Albert Edward Robert was born on 29th May 1907, Arthur was born in 1910 but died in October aged 9 months when the family lived at 91, New Street, Batley and Charles was born in November 1915.

In 1910 Noah was detained in Wakefield Prison for 14 days for assault.

In 1911 Noah, Nellie (Ellen) and Albert were lodgers in a nine roomed house in Wellington Street, Batley along with another 18 people and seven members of the family of James Riding, a waste dealer.

Noah worked for Messrs. H. Talbot and Sons, rag grinding department at Bulrush Mills, Carlinghow before moving to Messrs. Brook's Carbonising Works at Batley Carr before enlisting. Noah was known as "Pudden."

Noah was well known in Batley and before enlisting was often seen in Commercial Street and was often the centre of a heated discussion with some of his "pals." He was at one time a member of Batley Working Men's Club.

Service Details

When war broke out Noah was a member of the Territorials but was later rejected because of his sight. He then joined the A.S.C. at Dewsbury but was discharged after a time also because of his sight. Not to be denied he joined the Leeds Bantams and whilst with them obtained his Corporal's stripes but was once again discharged because of his eyesight. In August 1915 at Batley Feast he was accepted for the K.O.Y.L.I. and went to the Front with his battalion, losing his life nine weeks later.

His wife received a letter from an adjutant of her husband's battalion: -

"I regret to inform you that your husband, No. 26522 Pte. N.L. Wilson has been killed in action on 6th April 1916."

She also received a message from Private Edward Walker of Spa Street who said that he saw him die.

At this time the family lived at 8, Back Spa Street, Batley.

His brother, Tom, had emigrated to Canada but had come to fight in France with the Canadians where he was injured.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Bard Cottage Cemetery, Batley War Memorial and Batley Town Mission.



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