George Wroe





Rank: - Private

Number: - 16452

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

Missing, presumed Killed in Action: - 27/09/1915 Age: 20 years

Memorial: - Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Panels 97 and 98

Batley News, 12 May 1917 (photo)

Family Details

George was born in Batley in c.1895 the son of George and Martha Ann Wroe nee Squires who had married on the 10th July 1880 at St. Thomas's Church, Batley.

In 1901 he was living with his family at 7, Taylor Street, Batley. Joseph (Joe) 1881, Fred 1884, John William 1892, Sarah Ann 1894. George was a cloth finisher. George died in December 1908 and Martha Ann moved her family to live at 28, Wellington Street, Batley. In 1911 George was employed as a cloth finisher.

George went to work for Charles Robinson, Carlinghow, as a cutter and attended Hick Lane Wesleyan Chapel.

Service Details

George went to the Front in September 1915 and 8 days later went missing. The Battle of Loos started on the 25th September and lasted until 15th October 1915.

Extensive enquiries were made about his fate. A comrade wrote: -

"*I don't know what has become of him after the battle of September 26th and none of the platoon can give any information.*"

In about September 1916 his mother received a letter from the War Office saying because of no further information they had regretfully come to the conclusion that he had died.

His brother, Joseph Wroe, died of wounds on the 25th April 1917.

George 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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