

James Willie Senior



Rank: - Corporal

Number: - 4683288

Regiment: - Pioneer Corps, formerly KOYLI

Died: - Died of pneumonia and pleurisy 5 June 1943 Age: 43 years.

Cemetery: - Batley Cemetery T 882

James Willie was born in Staincliffe on 1900 the son of Joseph and Mary Maria Senior nee Kay who had married in 1897, registered Dewsbury. In 1901 they lived at 29, Cresswell Lane, Staincliffe. Emma was born in 1905 and the family

had moved to 21, Tichbourn Street, Batley, before 1911. Joe was born in November 1911. His father died in June 1937. On 12 September 1925 he married Edith Ellen Battye at St. Johns Church, Carlinghow. The couple had two daughters and a son who all lived at 51, Purlwell Avenue, Mount Pleasant.

James Willie had been in the Territorials since 1919 and before that had been a weaver for seven years at Messrs. John Blackburn, New Ing Mills, Batley. He took a keen interest in the firm's welfare team as well as the cricket team.

James Willie had just been recommended to be promoted to Company Quartermaster-Sergeant when he became ill with pneumonia and pleurisy and died five days later in a hospital at Newport, Gwent, Wales.

He was buried the following week at Batley Cemetery, his coffin being covered with a Union Jack and borne by six soldiers.

James Willie is remembered with Honour (twice) at Batley War Memorial, and on the Addenda 1999.

BATLEY CORPORAL'S DEATH IN HOSPITAL.

Had Been Recommended for Promotion.

Corporal James Willie Senior (43), Pioneer Corps, who died on Saturday in a S.W. military hospital after five days' illness from pneumonia and pleurisy, had just been recommended for promotion to Company Quartermaster-Sergeant. His wife and three children reside at 51, Purlwell Avenue, Batley.

Corpl. Senior had been in the Territorials since 1919, and for seven years before this he was a weaver at Messrs. J. Blackburn and Co.'s New Ing Mills, Batley. Corpl. Senior took the keenest interest in the mill's welfare committee and in the cricket team.

His mother, Mrs. M. Senior, lives at 28, Dewsbury Gate Road, Staincliffe, and his sister, Mrs. Geo. Freer, at 26, Dewsbury Gate Road.

At the funeral at Batley Cemetery yesterday, conducted by Rev. L. Larter, the coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was borne by six soldiers.

Family mourners were Mrs. J. W. Senior, wife; Raymond, Dorothy and Shirley, son and daughters; Mrs. J. Senior, mother; Mr. and Mrs. G. Freer, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. J. Senior, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. H. Battye, father-in-law; Misses M. Senior, H. Hughes, E. and J. Oxley, Mesdames P. Senior, H. Crawshaw, W. Firth, Jas. Tolson, Alfred Battye and Mr. and Mrs. P. Horn, cousins; Mrs. H. Senior, niece; Mr. D. Battye, uncle. Friends present included Cpls. Keenan and Stratton (Pioneer Corps, of Newport), Mesdames A. Hall, Cocking, Kay, M. Gavanhan, Cowling, Heptinstall and Sergt. and Mrs. Buckley.

Flowers were sent by: Wife and children; his mother; Emma and George; Joe and Esther, Harry and Mary and Grandad; cousins at Savile Town; officers and men of 346 Company (Pioneer Corps); Mrs. Postlethwaite and Jean; Paul, Ellen and Pauline; Beryl and June; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family; Percy, Eleanor, Mary and Uncle Dave; neighbours of Purlwell Estate; Sergeant Buckley and family.

Batley Co-operative Society were undertakers.

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