

Miles Derbyshire

(1890 - 1962)



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War Record

Miles attested on 7th December 1915 in Edgworth. He was almost 26 and worked at the Bleachworks, giving his address as 5 Charlotte Street, Turton. His service number was 8588, which indicates previous Territorial experience and he entered the 5th Battalion (Territorials) Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. His service number became 202645 and he eventually joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps with service number M/39497.

He was mobilized on 7th August 1916 and went to France on 4th December 1916 with the 1/4th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He returned home on 29th March 1917.

He then appears to have been in the UK until 26th June 1918. During this period he got married on 30th April 1918 and on 25th May 1918 he passed a Learner Driver's Test at Isleworth to drive a Heavy Lorry. By this time he was in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. There is no mention of an injury in his records other than when he was demobilised. However, he could have been wounded and this would account for his long period in the UK. He seems to have had some residual problem with inflammation.

He then went to France until October 1918 and was demobilised on 22nd November 1919.

He was given a gratuity of £48 15s 0d as he was 5% disabled from ICT which was "Inflammation of Connective Tissue" on his right tibia(?)

Family History

Miles Derbyshire was born on May 31, 1890, in Turton, Lancashire, the child of John and Mary.⁽¹⁶⁾

In 1911 he is living with his parents Charlotte Street⁽¹⁾

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| John | Age 61 | Regulator of Water Wheel at Calico Print Works Born Turton |
| Mary | Age 60 | wife – born Bradshaw |
| Miles | Age 20 | packer at bleach works – born Turton |

The 1911 Census also tells us that John and Mary had five children and Miles was the only one still living.

At the time the photo was taken, Miles was still in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and Sarah is wearing a Loyal North Lancashire Regiment brooch on her blouse. She is certainly wearing a ring, but it is not clear as to whether this was a wedding or engagement ring.

Miles married Sarah Ann Mather on April 30, 1918, at St. Anne's, Turton.⁽²⁾ Miles and Sarah had five children: Dorothy May (Morris), Jenny (Allen), Jack, Joyce (Mather) and Bessie who is still alive. He died on July 11, 1962, at home at High Street, Turton, at the age of 72.⁽¹⁶⁾

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Standard References: 1, 2

16 <http://person.ancestry.co.uk/tree/6349166/person/870234451/story>

17 Family photo