

Hull Daily Mail 1 July 1918

INFLUENZA OUTBREAK

PNEUMONIA FOLLOWS

At least a dozen persons in different parts of the Rossendale valley have succumbed to pneumonia, following the disease [influenza]. On Saturday Pte James Caine (30), Lancashire Fusiliers, died at 3, Turner's Buildings, Stacklands, Bacup, from pneumonia after only a few days' illness. He had served with the colours for nearly four years, and leaves a widow and five young children. Private James H. Bell and Mrs Bell, of Edward Street, Haslingden, have lost three out of four young children in ten days as a result of measles and the epidemic. All the elementary schools at Bacup and Rawtenstall are to be kept closed for another week, and all the factories, workshops, picture houses etc in Bacup, Waterfoot and Rawtenstall are being disinfected as fast as possible.

(Identical report appeared in Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer 1 July 1918)

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer 2 July 1918

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Report includes the following...

'...The wife and the father of Air Mechanic Pepperday, R.A., Plantation Street, Bacup, have died from the effects of the disease whilst the soldier was at home on leave....'

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer 3 July 1918

INFLUENZA RAVAGES

'...Yesterday the death occurred at 9, Wellington street, Britannia, Bacup, of Frances Barlow (15), a mule spinner at a local mill, and daughter of Lce-Corpl James Barlow, R.E. who is in France. She had been ill only a few days from pneumonia succeeding influenza. Her two sisters are ill with the same malady. Patrick Walsh (58), one of the founders of the Bacup Irish Club, died yesterday from the disease...'

Birmingham Post 6 July 1918

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

MANY DEATHS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

(reports of deaths throughout the UK includes the following)

Two more deaths following influenza were reported at Bacup, one being a woman who had been married only a few months. It has been decided that the Rawtenstall elementary school shall remain closed until August 6.