



## **Ernest Denton**

**1896 - 1916**



Ernest was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1896 in Dewsbury to Richard Denton, a glass bottle blower who had been born in Fairburn near Castleford in 1862 and his wife Sarah Jane (nee Cowgill) who had been born in Bristfield in 1867. The couple were married in the December Quarter of 1890.

There were eight surviving children of the marriage, Arthur b.1891. William Henry b. 1894. Annie b. 1899. Tom b. 1901. Hilda b. 1904, Amy b. 1906 and Jack born in 1910. The 1911 census shows Sarah Jane and all her family living at 48, Helman's Buildings, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees stating that she had been married for 20 years although Richard Denton is not recorded on this return, he is however shown on a separate return living as the only occupant at 30, Hebble Terrace, Thornhill Lees, the reason for this is unclear.

Ernest was a single man, recorded as living at 109, Dale Street, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury working as a glass bottle blower.

Ernest served as Private 16534 in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, the date of his attestation has not been found but he was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal which indicates that he was not in the battle zone until after January 1916.

He was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. His body was never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial along with over 72,000 British and Commonwealth Servicemen who have no known grave.

Ernest is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour which is to be found in the Dewsbury Public Library.

In Memory of

Private

# Ernest Denton

26534, 8th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 01 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

