



John Hallas

1892 - 1916



John was born on the 3rd December 1892; his family lived at Swallow Road, Westtown, Dewsbury. By 1901 the family lived in Princes Street, Westtown and by 1911 mother and son were living at 34 High Street, Westtown. His father was Thomas Hallas who had been born in Ossett in 1871; he was a coal miner who died in 1910 and his wife Winifred (nee Greenwood) who had been born in Dewsbury circa 1868. The couple were married on the 5th of October 1889 and the 1911 Census states they had had two children one of whom had died. Mary Ellen who was born on 13th March 1896 and died in the 3rd quarter of 1909.

John was married on the 10th January 1914 to Margaret Alice Mooney who had been born in Dewsbury in the 1st Quarter of 1894. They had one daughter Winifred A who had been born in the June Quarter of 1914.

John served as Private 3/9472 in the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He must have been either a Reservist or a Territorial because he was sent to France and Flanders on the 8th August 1914. He died on the 18th November 1916 during the attack on Beaumont Hamel, which was one of the last offensives of the Battle of the Somme. He was awarded the 1914 Star, with Mons Clasp as well as the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He was buried in Waggon Road Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel; near to where he fell.

John is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of
Private
J Hallas

3/947, 2nd Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 18 November 1916

Remembered with Honour
Waggon Road Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel



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