



## **Fred Mellor**

### **1877 - 1916**



Fred was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1877 in Whitley Lower, Dewsbury, he later lived at 2, Charles Street and the New Albion Inn, Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe. His parents were Abraham (Abram) Lee Mellor, operative dyer and later blacksmith and publican born Whitley Lower 1844 and his wife Charlotte Wrigglesworth born in Briestfield in 1845, the couple were married in Whitley Lower on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1871. Fred married Gertrude Littlewood at St. Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1901. They had two children, Edith Mary b.1903 and Amy b. 1908. Fred had two sisters. Hannah b. 1872 and Annie b. 1875. Fred was a Butcher who upon the death of his father took over the running of the family pub the New Albion, Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe.

Fred served as Private 29846 in the 12<sup>th</sup> Labour Company, Lincolnshire Regiment. His battalion was not intended to be involved in any of the fighting, being dispatched to France on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 1916. He was actually called up on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1916 and was not passed fit for front line duties; he had only been serving for a mere 12 days when he was dispatched overseas. Being classed as B1 he was not regarded as a potential fighter but his grading meant that he was eligible for overseas garrison duty. He landed in Le Havre and was sent up the coast to Dieppe, an important port for the receiving of munitions and supplies and the battalion's work seems to have involved assisting in the railway yard at Roux Mesnil which had a large ammunition dump adjacent to it.

Gertrude Mellor received a telegram in mid December to say Fred was dangerously ill in the hospital in Dieppe, Gaining permission travel she and her sister arrived in Dieppe on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1916 but sadly Fred had died earlier in the day. She stayed for the funeral on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, departing for home on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Fred was awarded the British Campaign and Victory Medals and is buried in Janval Cemetery, Dieppe, in the Seine Maritime Department. He is remembered on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park, in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe Memorial located in St. Saviour's Parish Church.

In Memory of

Private

## Fred Mellor

29846, 12th Labour Coy, Lincolnshire Regiment who died on 14 December 1916 Age 39

Husband of Gertrude Mellor, of 2, Charles St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Janval Cemetery, Dieppe



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