



Harold Senior

1893 – 1917

Harold was born on 11th September 1893 and was baptised at St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 7th August 1895. His father was Herman, who was born in Dewsbury in 1869. Herman was a Blanket Weaver and died in Dewsbury in 1911. His mother was Ada Hemingway, who was born in Dewsbury in 1870 and died in Dewsbury in 1900. Herman then married Hannah Maud Lee in Dewsbury in 1904.

Harold had two brothers: Clifford, born on 3rd April 1896 and baptised at St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 24th August 1898. He died, aged 3, in March 1900; and Clement, born on 2nd September 1898 and baptised at St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 6th September 1899. He died of wounds on 25th August 1917. Harold also had two step-sisters and a step-brother; Ethel, born in Dewsbury in 1905; Alice, born in Dewsbury in 1906; and Leslie, born in Dewsbury in 1908 and died in Dewsbury in June 1912.

After Harold's mother died in 1901, he was living with his maternal grandmother, Ellen Hemmingway, at Commercial Street, Earlsheaton. In 1911, with his father having remarried, He was living at the house of his stepmother in Jack Lane, Batley Carr. Harold was a Dyer's Labourer.

Harold enlisted in Wakefield on 8th June 1911, when he joined the 3rd Reserve Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. His service number was 727. On 28th November 1911, Harold left the Reserves to join the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment serving as Private 10180.

A Court of Enquiry was assembled in Dublin on 17th July 1912, because Harold was absent without leave and was 'deficient' of his equipment and 'regimental necessaries'. No further information is known about the outcome of this Court of Enquiry or how long Harold was absent without leave.

Harold was serving as Private 242604 in the 1st/5th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry when he was killed in action in Flanders on 19th July 1917; the enemy having commenced a sustained bombardment of Gas Shells on the Belgian coast around Nieuport. Harold is buried in Ramscappelle Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Batley War Memorial; on the Earlsheaton War Memorial in Earlsheaton Park and on the Oak Reredos in St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton.

In Memory of

Private

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242604, 1st/5th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 19 July 1917

Remembered with Honour

Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery



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