



Edward Walter Triffitt

1896 - 1917



Edward was born on 7th March 1896 in Bramley, Leeds and baptised two days later in the Parish Church of Leeds His father was Jackson Triffitt, who had been born in Holme-on-Spalding Moor in East Yorkshire in 1867, he was a blacksmith, who later worked as a fitter on the electric tramway. His mother was Mary Hannah (nee Moxon) who had been born in Liverpool in 1868. The couple had married on 22nd June 1891 at St. Matthias' Church, Burley, Leeds.

Edward was a single man who worked in the dyeing and dry cleaning industry; he had one sister, Mabel Dorothy who had been born in Stanningley on 16th November 1891. On the 1901 Census the family lived at 28, Vernon Road, Pudsey, in 1911 at Croft Villas, Halifax Road, Dewsbury; in 1917 they lived at Mitre Farm, Dewsbury.

It is interesting that on his Birth and Census Records his name is spelt *Walter Edward Triffitt*, the reason for the reversing of his forenames is not known.

Edward served as Driver 780180 in the 246th (West Riding) Battery Royal Field Artillery having previously served as number 1227 in the Royal Horse Artillery. He had joined the Heckmondwike battery of the Royal Field Artillery in 1913 and was mobilised on the outbreak of war in August 1914, serving in France and Flanders from 10th April 1915.

He was killed on 30th March 1917 at Neuve-Chapelle in France, when a shell burst which landed a few feet away from him blew off his arm and did considerable damage to the rest of his body. He is buried in Merville Communal Cemetery Extension.

Edward had been awarded the Military Medal and the 1914-15 Star, 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 War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of

Driver

Edward Walter Triffitt

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780180, 246th (West Riding) Bty., Royal Field Artillery who died on 30 March 1917 Age 21

Son of Jackson Triffitt and Hannah Mary Triffitt, of 20A, Staincliffe Rd., Dewsbury.

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