



Albert Gregory

1897 - 1916

Albert was born in Madeley, Staffordshire in 1897. His father was Abraham Gregory, born in Cheswardine, Shropshire in 1864 and died in 1902. His mother was Annie (nee Pointon) born in Silverdale near Madeley in 1876 and died in 1932. They were married in 1893 at St. George's Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Their other children were; Abraham, born in 1895 and served in World War 1, Minnie, born in 1898, Annie, born in 1900 and George William, born in 1902. On the 1911 census they are all living at Earl Street Silverdale. A daughter, Mary Ann whose birth name was registered as Gregory was born in 1905 and died in 1906.

Annie was remarried in 1907 at St. Luke's Church, Silverdale to John Gater (born in 1878 and died in 1948) who also served in World War 1; they had two sons, Arthur born in 1910 and John Thomas, born in 1914. They moved to live at 13, High Street, Westtown, Dewsbury in 1915.

He enlisted in Stoke-on-Trent in August 1914, joining the 4th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment serving as Private 8076 and later transferred to the 103rd Company of the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) serving as Private 6983. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916 during the First Day of the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Albert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

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

In Memory of

Private

Albert Gregory

6983, 103rd Coy., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) who died on 01 July 1916 Age 18

Son of Annie Gater (formerly Gregory), and the late Abraham Gregory.

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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