



Percy Senior

1895 – 1916

Percy was born in Dewsbury in 1895. His father was Ezra Senior, a Willyer in a carpet mill born in Dewsbury in 1849 in Dewsbury and died in 1916. His mother was Mary (née Fell) born in Alverthorpe, Wakefield in 1858 and died in 1934. They were married in 1877.

Their other children were; Adelaide, born in 1878, Beatrice, born in 1880, James Henry, born in 1882, Elsie, born in 1884, Jessie, born in 1886, Tom, born in 1888, Harry, born in 1890 and Fred, born in 1893 and served in World War 1.

On the 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 37, South Woodbine Street, Flatts.

Percy was a single man and worked as a tier-on in the cloth manufacturing industry employed by Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons Ltd. He was attached to the Granville Street Wesleyan Mission.

He enlisted on 4th April 1916 serving as Rifleman 4827 in the 1st/8th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) and was sent to the Western Front in July. His records state that he died of wounds on 4th September 1916 sustained the previous day during the Battle of the Somme whilst his Regiment, as part of the 149th Division attacked the Salient around Thiepval known as the "Pope's Nose". His grave must have been lost or destroyed in later battles and his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Percy was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His obituary published in the "*Dewsbury Reporter*" on 30th September tells that his parents received a letter on 13th September from a Chaplain stating that he saw him in a Dressing Post and that he was "*badly wounded and had no chance of recovery*"

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.

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

In Memory of
Rifleman

Percy Senior

4827, 1st/8th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 04 September 1916 Age
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Son of Ezra and Mary Senior, of 83, South Woodbine St., Flatts, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Thiepval Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

