



Reginald Dawson

1892 – 1916

Reginald was born in Dewsbury in 1892. His father was Joseph Dawson, a Rag Merchant's Manager, born in Dewsbury in 1867 and died 1943. His mother was Clara (nee Firth) born in Dewsbury in 1867 and died in 1937. They were married in Dewsbury on 19th October 1890.

Their other children were; Edith Ellen, born in Dewsbury in 1891, Florence, born in Ipswich in 1894, Arthur, born in Ipswich in 1896, Mabel, born in Ipswich in 1897, Dorothy, born in Ipswich in 1898, Harold, born in Ipswich in 1906 and Rowland, born in Ipswich in 1907.

On the 1891 Census they lived at Stonefield Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 23, Cauldwell Avenue, Ipswich, in 1911 at 42, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich and later at 5, Mill Street West, Dewsbury.

Reginald was a single man and the 1911 Census records him as a professional soldier with the Suffolk Regiment stationed at Barrosa Barracks, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot.

He was sent to the Western Front on 17th January 1915 serving as Lance Corporal 7912 in the 9th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. He was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme in the Battle of Flers-Courcelette on 16th September 1916. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Reginald was awarded the 1914-15 Star, 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.

Reginald 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
Lance Corporal

Reginald Dawson

7912, 9th Bn., Suffolk Regiment who died on 16 September 1916 Age 23

Son of Joseph and Clara Dawson, of 5, Mill St., West Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Thiepval Memorial



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