



George Taylor

1889 - 1916

George was born in Dewsbury in 1889 and baptised at St. Matthews Parish Church, Westtown on 21st September 1892. His father was Robert Taylor, a hewer in a coal mine born in Dewsbury in 1862 and died in 1938. His mother was Annice (née Sheard) born in Kirkheaton in 1863 and died in 1942. They were married on 25th December 1882 at All Saints Parish Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Margaret, born in 1883 and died in 1885, Mary Elizabeth, born in 1885, Hannah, born in 1887, Harry, born in 1891, Paul, born in 1896, Robert, born in 1889 and died in 1901, John Albert, born in 1902 and died in 1907, Betty, born in 1907 and Ivy, born in 1910 and died in 1911.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 67, Middle Road, Westtown, in 1901 and 1911 at 79, Middle Road.

George was educated at Boothroyd Lane Junior School and Westtown Sunday school. He worked as a hurrier in a colliery for Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton Ltd and was married on 4th September 1912 to Hannah McDonald (born in 1888 and died in 1927) they had two children; Ellen, born in 1912 and Bernard Robert, born in 1914. They lived at 6, Ingham Road, Westtown, Dewsbury.

He attested on 24th August 1914 serving as Private 11656 in the 9th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 24th July 1915. 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. George 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 300 Commonwealth and 300 French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

George is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Memorial Plaque to former employees of Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton located in the porch at St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton.

In Memory of
Private

George Taylor

11656, 9th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 16 September 1916

Remembered with Honour
Thiepval Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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