



Edward Whitworth

1880 – 1917

Edward was born in Dewsbury in 1880. His father was Benjamin Whitworth, a Clothier and later a Willyer born in Dewsbury in 1839. His mother was Mary (nee Mould) born in Hull in 1848. They were married on 25th December 1871 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Frank, born in 1872, Thompson, born in 1873 and died in 1878, Susan, born in 1875, Benjamin, born in 1878, Elizabeth, born in 1883, Mary, born in 1884 and Thompson, born in 1886 and died in 1886.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Kensington Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 and 1911 at 25, Elmwood Street, Flatts.

Edward was unmarried and worked in a local textile mill. He was described as a prominent member of the Dewsbury Trades and Friendly Club on Vulcan Road, Flatts.

He enlisted as Private 5073 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and later was transferred to the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment serving as Private 40477. He was posted to the Western Front on 30th December 1915. He was hospitalised with severe shell shock for five weeks in 1916. He was killed in action in Northern France on 4th March 1917, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Edward 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.

Edward 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

Private

Edward Whitworth

40477, 1st Bn., Worcestershire Regiment who died on 04 March 1917

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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