



Edward Morley

1882 – 1916

Edward was born in Leeds on 6th October 1882. His father was Benjamin Morley, an Iron Puddler born in Wakefield in 1852 and died in 1924. His mother was Caroline (née Baker) born in 1856 and died in 1891. They were married in 1873.

Their other children were; Martha Ann, born in 1874, James William, born in 1875, Lily, born in 1878, Elizabeth, born in 1879, Benjamin, born in 1881, Caroline (Carrie), born in 1888, Harriet, born in 1891 and died in 1892.

Benjamin was remarried at St. Richard's Chapel, Seacroft, Leeds on 5th June 1892 to Mary Ann Malone (born in Liverpool in 1860 and died in 1925); they had a son, John, born in 1894.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 16, Cambridge Street, Stockton-on-Tees, in 1901 at 29, Hugo Street, Leeds and in 1911 at 8, Chelmsford Place, Dias Street, Leeds.

Edward worked as an Iron Puddler like his father and was married to Florence Wharton (born in Sunderland in 1893 and died in 1956) on 11th January 1913 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees. They lived at 2, Berry Square, Thornhill Lees. Florence was remarried at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield on 10th May 1919 to George France (born in 1887 and died in 1949); they lived at Pump House Lane, Mirfield and had five children between 1923 and 1932.

He enlisted in Dewsbury serving as Private 21858 in the 10th Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) and was sent to the Western Front on 2nd September 1915. He died of wounds in the 3rd Canadian General Hospital, Boulogne on 12th March 1916. At the time of his death he was in the Battalion's 'C' Company. He was buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records his age at death as 37. Edward was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Boulogne was one of the three base ports most extensively used by the Commonwealth armies on the Western Front throughout the First World War. Boulogne and Wimereux formed one of the chief hospital areas. Until June 1918, the dead from the hospitals at Boulogne itself were buried in the Cimetiere de L'Est, one of the town cemeteries. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery contains 5,577 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. Unusually, the headstones are laid flat in this cemetery, due to the sandy soil.

Edward 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

Edward Morley

21858, "C" Coy. 10th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 12 March 1916
Age 37

Son of Mr. B. and Mrs. M. Morley; husband of F. France (formerly Morley), of Pump House Lane, Mirfield,
Yorks. Born at Leeds.

Remembered with Honour

Boulogne Eastern Cemetery



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