



Harry Everett

1876 – 1916

Harry was born in 1876 and baptised on 7th April that year in Wakefield. His father was Henry Everett, a Maltster born in Groton, Suffolk in 1852 and died in 1925. His mother was Mary Ann (née Freshney) born in Weston, Lincolnshire in 1855 and died in 1889. They were married in 1871 at Thingoe, Suffolk,

Their other children were; Hannah Maria, born in 1878 and Mary Ann, born in 1879.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Whitakers Buildings, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, in 1891 Henry and his children were boarders at the home of his late wife's mother Mrs. Sophia Freshney at 16, Commercial Street, Alverthorpe. Hannah and Mary were boarded out after their father Henry was remarried on 8th January 1893 at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Wakefield to a widow with seven children, Hannah Arthur Woodcock, née Harrison (born in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1858 and died in 1903). They had four children, Alfred, born in 1894, Herbert, born in 1895, Fred, born in 1896 and Lizzie, born in 1898. In 1901 they lived at the home of Hannah's son James William Woodcock at 18, Grove Road, Wakefield. Henry is still living there in 1911 with his four children; the head is now recorded as a William Jubb, the husband of Hannah's daughter Ada Woodcock.

Harry grew up in the Alverthorpe area of Wakefield and worked as a Maltster's labourer in the 1891 and 1901 censuses and a Maltster at the time of his marriage. He was married to Priscilla Senior (born in 1878 and died in 1952) at St. Paul's Church, Eastthorpe, Mirfield on 23rd July 1899. Harry's address was New Scarborough, Mirfield. They had two daughters; Polly, born in South Shields, County Durham on 26th February 1904 and Miranda, born in 7th July 1911. By this time the family lived at 74, Spring Gardens, Earlsheaton. Harry now worked as a repairer and coal miner. He was employed by Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton Limited, possibly at their Ridings Colliery, Wakefield Road, Dewsbury which was closest to his home.

He enlisted in Dewsbury serving as Private 15826 in the 10th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 11th September 1915. He was killed in action in France on 9th April 1916 and is buried in Norfolk Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, Somme, France. Harry was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Becordel-Becourt is a village 2.5 kilometres east of Albert on the Albert-Peronne road. The cemetery was begun by the 1st Norfolks in August 1915 and used by other units (including the 8th Norfolks) until August 1916. After the Armistice it was nearly doubled in size when graves were brought in from the battlefields nearby. Norfolk Cemetery contains 549 First World War burials, 224 being unidentified.

Harry is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Earlsheaton War Memorial in Earlsheaton Park and on the Oak Reredos behind the altar at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the War Memorial plaque to former employees of Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton Limited, located in the inner porch at St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton.

In Memory of

Private

Harry Everett

15826, 10th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 09 April 1916 Age 40

Husband of Priscilla Everett, of 74, Spring Gardens, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Norfolk Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt



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