



Ernest Ormerod

1896 - 1916

Ernest was born in Hanging Heaton in 1896. His father was Frank Ormerod, a Mining Contractor born in Atherton, Lancashire in 1871 and died in 1920. His mother was Ada (née Summerscales) born in Shaw Cross in 1875 and died in 1959. They were married on 16th March 1895 at St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton.

Their other children were; Gladys, born in 1889, Elizabeth, born in 1901, Robert, born in 1904 and Celia, born in 1907.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Newgate Street, Hanging Heaton and in 1911 at Leeds Road, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury.

Ada was remarried in 1924 to Horace Tomlinson (born in 1883 and died in 1963)

Ernest was a single man who was educated at Hanging Heaton School and was connected to St. Paul's Church; he was also a member of Hanging Heaton Working Man's Club and prior to enlistment he worked as a coal hurrier for Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton at Shaw Cross Pit.

He enlisted into the 7th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 7th August 1915 with the Service Number 15418, rising to the rank of Corporal. He was killed in action in Flanders on 17th June 1916 and was buried in Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ernest was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal

Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery is located 5 Kms west of Ieper (Ypres) town centre, on the Hospitaalstraat a road leading from the Poperingseweg (connecting Ieper to Poperinge). The Cemetery was started by French troops in 1914 and was taken over by Commonwealth forces in April 1915. It was used by fighting units and field ambulances until June 1917, when the land adjoining the cemetery was claimed for a military railway preventing further extension. The cemetery is remarkable for the care with which men of the same unit were buried side by side if they died at about the same time. There are also a very high proportion of graves of Territorial units, in particular Lancashire Territorials, who have nearly 250 graves. During the early months of 1917, whenever it was possible, the 55th Division brought their dead from the front for burial here. The cemetery now contains 1,175 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Ernest 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 War Memorial in St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton and on Memorial plaque to former employees of Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton displayed in the porch of St. Paul's Church.

In Memory of
Corporal
Ernest Ormerod

15418, 7th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 17 June 1916 Age 20

Son of Frank and Ada Ormerod, of Shaw Cross, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery



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