



Hubert Peace

1896 - 1916

Hubert was born in Thornhill on 14th January 1896. His father was Cornelius Peace, a glass bottle worker and later a wool blender born in Conisbrough, Yorkshire in 1871 and died in 1944. His mother was Edith (née Watkin/Watkins) born in Wakefield in 1873 and died in 1961. They were married on 22nd July 1893 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

Their other children were; Mary, born in 1893 and died in 1893, George William, born in 1894 and died in 1894, Annie, born in 1898, William, born in 1900, Colin, born in 1902, Dorothy, born in 1905, Stanley, born in 1906 and Sarah, born in 1909.

Edith had a son, Joseph Watkins, born in 1890.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Bank Terrace, Thornhill Lees and in 1911 at 9, George Street, Thornhill Lees.

Hubert was a single man who worked as a Teazle Clipper in the blanket manufacturing industry. At the time of his enlistment he worked in the fulling department of Messrs Wormalds and Walker's mill.

He enlisted in September 1915 and was sent to the Western Front in early 1916, serving as Private 4530 in the 4th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. He died in a Casualty Clearing Station at Aubigny, France on 19th June 1916 from wounds received in action. He was buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France. Hubert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Aubigny-en-Artois is a village approximately 15 Kilometres north-west of Arras. Before March 1916, Aubigny was in the area of the French Tenth Army, and 327 French soldiers were buried in the Extension. From March 1916 to the Armistice, Aubigny was held by Commonwealth troops and burials were made in the Extension until September 1918. The 42nd Casualty Clearing Station buried in it during the whole period, the 30th in 1916 and 1917, the 24th and 1st Canadian in 1917 (during the capture of Vimy Ridge by the Canadian Corps) and the 57th in 1918. The Extension now contains 2,771 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Hubert 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 Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of
Private
Hubert Peace

4530, 4th Bn., Seaforth Highlanders who died on 19 June 1916 Age 20

Son of Cornelius and Edith Peace, of 9, George St., Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension



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