



Milnes Scott

1895 - 1917

Milnes was born in Dewsbury on 26th December 1895 and baptised at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury on 22nd January 1896. His father was Sam Scott, a Stonemason, Contractor and Builder born in Dewsbury in 1860 and died in 1928. His mother was Ruth (nee Horsefield) born in Hunslet, Leeds in 1861 and died in 1929. They were married in 1884.

Their other children were; Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1885, Helena, born in 1887 and died in 1902, Ethel, born in 1889, Hilda, born in 1890, Horsefield born in 1893 and served in World War 1, Annie, born in 1897 and Walter, born in 1902 and died in 1916.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 5, William Street, Leeds Road, in 1911 at Rose Cottage, 110, Bank Top, Earlsheaton.

Milnes was a single man who was educated at Eastborough School and attended St. Philip's Church where he was a choirboy. He worked as a Stonemason in his father's business.

He enlisted on 2nd March 1916 serving as Private 202283 in the 2nd/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front in the first week of January 1917. He was killed in action at Achiet-le-Petit in France on 12th March 1917. A letter to his parents from Colonel Hind stated "*Private Scott died during the advance and was buried on the field of battle*" His remains were found in August 1919 and he is now buried in Queen's Cemetery, Bucquoy, Pas-de-Calais, France. Milnes was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Bucquoy is a village situated on the Arras to Amiens road, 15 km south of Arras. Queens Cemetery is located on the western side of the road just south of the village. Bucquoy was taken by the 7th Division in March, 1917. It was partly lost in April 1918, after a prolonged and gallant defence by the 62nd (West Riding), 37th and 42nd (East Lancashire) Divisions and was cleared on the following 21st August. The cemetery was begun in March 1917 with 23 burials and a further 13 in September 1918. The remainder of the cemetery was made after the Armistice, by the concentration of British and French graves and one American from the battlefields of the Ancre and from small cemeteries in the neighbourhood. There are now over 700 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 200 are unidentified and special memorials record the names of 6 soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried in Miraumont German Cemetery, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire.

Milnes 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 Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the War Memorial from the now demolished St. Philip's Church relocated to Dewsbury Minster and on the Memorial Plaque to former pupils in Eastborough School.

In Memory of
Private
M Scott

202283, 2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 12 March 1917

Remembered with Honour
Queens Cemetery, Bucquoy



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