



Fred Lodge

1879 – 1917

Fred was born in Dewsbury in 1879. His father was Thomas Lodge, a carpet weaver born in Dewsbury in 1856 and died in 1926. His mother was Barbara Ellen (nee Wightman) born in Dewsbury in 1854 and died in 1895. They were married at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 5th October 1878.

Their other children were; Arthur, born 1881, died 1884, Alfred, born 1884, Leonard, born 1886, Elizabeth Ellen, born 1889, Ann (Annie), born 1892 and Emma, born 1894.

On the 1881 and 1891 Census Records the family lived at 81, Thornton Street, Dewsbury.

Thomas was remarried at St. Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury on 4th March 1899 to Margaret Hemingway (born in 1866 and died in 1903).

In 1901 they lived at 22, South Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 16, Back Tweedale Street, Dewsbury and later at 83, Tweedale Street.

Fred was a single man who worked as a labourer at the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Station and goods yard in Longcauseway, Dewsbury. When he enlisted in 1916 his address was 6, Garden Street, Leeds. His entry in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour compiled 1923-1924 gives an address as 24, Oastler Street, Dewsbury.

He attested on 27th March 1916 serving as Private 235246 in the 10th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. He was killed in action on 21st April 1917 during the Battle of Arras. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Fred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7th August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and who have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Fred is also 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

Fred Lodge

235246, 10th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 21 April 1917

Remembered with Honour

Arras Memorial



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

