



Thomas Platt Bottomley

1890 – 1917

Thomas was born in Hunslet, Leeds in 1890. His father was Gaulter Bottomley, a Butcher born in Dewsbury in 1842 and died in 1896. His mother was Harriet Emma (nee Greenwood) born in Dewsbury in 1849 and died in 1922. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 16th March 1868.

Their other children were; Frank, born in 1868, Fanny Eliza, born in 1870, Joseph/Joe, born in 1872, Kate Maria, born in 1874, Henry Nightingale (Harry), born in 1875, Martha Ellen, born in 1878, Winifred Ann, born in 1880 and Edith Emma, born in 1885 and died in 1899.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 2, Glew Court, Holbeck, Leeds. In 1901 Thomas was living with his widowed mother at 2, Mission Street, Dewsbury. In 1911 they had both moved to 18, Foundry Street, Dewsbury and later at 1, South Woodbine Street, Ashworth Road, Dewsbury.

Thomas was a single man who was educated at Dewsbury Parish Church Day School and St. James's Mission Church and Sunday school where he sang in the choir. He worked for ten years at Messrs Crosby and Allen, Provision Merchants.

He attested in February 1915 and serving in the 6th Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers with the Service Number 18187. He initially acted as a Serjeant-Instructor at Duddington Camp, Portobello, near Edinburgh but later volunteered for overseas duties and was posted to the Western Front on 19th March 1917 rising to the rank of Lance-Corporal. He was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 3rd May 1917 at the beginning of the third Battle of the Scarpe. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Thomas 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.

Thomas is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Memorial Plaque from St. James's Church now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal
Thomas Platt Bottomley

18187, 6th Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 03 May 1917

Remembered with Honour
Arras Memorial



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