



## **Jonathan Field**

### **1878 – 1917**

Jonathan was born in Dewsbury in 1878. His father was Abraham Field, a Blanket Finisher born in Dewsbury in 1841 and died in 1919. His mother was Mary Field (nee Brooke) born in Dewsbury in 1841 and died in 1911. They were married in 1863.

Their other children were; Emma, born in 1864, Clara, born in 1867, Fanny, born in 1870, Brooke, born in 1872, Emily born in 1875 and Mary Alice, born in 1883.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 97, Bank Foot, Soothill, Batley, in 1901 at 30, Providence Street, Soothill.

Jonathan was a single man who was educated at Earlsheaton Council School and worked as a Waiter in the hotel industry. In 1901 he was employed at the Royal Hotel, Cleethorpes Road, Grimsby, Lincolnshire and in 1911 at the Cairn Hydro, Ripon Road, Harrogate. In 1916 he was employed at the Britannia Hotel, Bridlington.

He enlisted in March 1916 serving as Private 202348 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 15<sup>th</sup> January 1917. He was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Jonathan was awarded British War Medal and 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 7<sup>th</sup> August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and 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.

Jonathan 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 War Memorial in Earlsheaton Park and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church Earlsheaton and on the Memorial Plaque from the now demolished Earlsheaton Highfield Congregational Church relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of

Private

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202348, 2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 03 May 1917

Remembered with Honour

Arras Memorial



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

