



Fred Scarry

1896 - 1917

Fred was born in Baildon near Bradford in 1896. His father was John Scarry, a chemical worker born in Leeds in 1862 and died in 1923. His mother was Martha Ann (nee Tiffney) born in Pudsey, Yorkshire in 1866 and died in 1926. They were married on 28th September 1889 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

They had two more sons; Joseph John, born in Farsley near Leeds in 1890 and Herbert born in Dewsbury in 1906.

In 1901 the family were living in Bramley, Leeds and in 1911 at 12, Scarborough Terrace, Savile Town, Dewsbury.

Fred was a single man who was educated at Savile Town Church of England School and attended St. Mary's Church, Savile Town where he was a chorister, and Sunday school. He worked as a Teamer for the Great Northern Railway Company having worked in a similar capacity for Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton.

He enlisted in August 1915 serving as Driver 81927 in "C" Battery. 86th Army Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and was sent to the Western Front on 9th November that same year. He was killed in action in Flanders on 27th May 1917 whilst driving ammunition up to the guns. He was buried in Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Fred was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His parents were informed of his death by an official telegram and later they received a letter from his Lieutenant and another from a close "pal"

Dickebusch (now Dikkebus) is a village and commune 5 kilometres South-West of Ieper (Ypres) on the road to Bailleul. From Ieper town centre the Dikkebusseweg is reached via Elverdingsestraat, straight over a roundabout onto J.Capronstraat then left along M.Fochlaan. Immediately after the train station, the first right hand turning is the Dikkebusseweg. On reaching the village of Dikkebus, the cemetery is located on the Kerkstraat, which is a small street turning left off the Dikkebusseweg. 200 metres along this street, and just beyond the village church, lies the cemetery. The New Military Cemetery was begun in February 1915 and was used until May 1917 by fighting units and field ambulances, with a few further burials taking place in March and April 1918. The Extension was used from May 1917 to January 1918. The New Military Cemetery contains 624 First World War burials, the Extension 547.

Fred 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 from the now demolished St. Mary's Church, Savile Town now in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Driver

F Scarry

81927, "C" Bty. 86th Army Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 27 May 1917

Son of Mr. J. Scarry, of 12, Scarborough Terrace, Savile Town, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension



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