



Walter Field

1897 – 1917

Walter was born in Dewsbury in 1897. His father was Charles Herbert Field, a teamer born in Dewsbury in 1870 and died in 1946. His mother was Lucy Sophia (nee Stammers) born at Castletown, Isle of Man in 1871 and died in 1936. They were married on 30th November 1895 at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield.

Their other children were; Emily, born in 1900 and died in 1900 and Harold, born in 1905.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 53, Hanover Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 45, Watergate Road, Dewsbury.

Walter was a single man who was educated at Boothroyd Lane School and attended the Dewsbury Centenary Methodist Chapel. He worked as a piecener for Messrs Henry Hamer and Sons, Ravensthorpe.

He attested in August 1916 serving as Private 34403 in the 8th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front in December 1916. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 7th June 1917 during the First Day of the Battle of Messines Ridge. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Walter was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave.

Walter 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

Walter Field

34403, 8th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 07 June 1917 Age 19

Son of C. Herbert and Lucy Sophia Field, of 45, Watergate Rd., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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