



## **Abraham Senior**

### **1894 – 1917**

Abraham was born in Dewsbury in 1894. His father was George Senior, a rag grinder born in Earlsheaton in 1860 and died in 1925. His mother was Maria (nee Rowley) born in Walsall, Staffordshire in 1859 and died in 1928. They were married at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1881.

Their other children were; William Albert, born in 1881 and died in 1882, Eliza Anne, born in 1883, Twins Edith and Ethel, born in 1888 and died in 1889, Florence, born in 1890 and died in 1891 and Ellen, born in 1897.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 7, William Street, Leeds Road, Dewsbury and later at 33, Woodville, Leeds Road.

Abraham was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School and attended St. Philip's Church on Leeds Road. He worked as a coal filler underground but was later employed at the textile mill of Messrs Machell Brothers, Shoddy and Mungo Manufacturers, Dewsbury. He was a member of Thornhill Lees Working Men's Club.

He attested in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers in August 1915 and in July 1916 was transferred to the 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion Highland Light Infantry with the Service Number 21659 rising to the rank of Corporal. He was killed in action in Belgium on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1917 when he was hit by a shell whilst serving in the Nieuport sector. He was buried in Nieuport Military Cemetery, on the South side of the town, a French cemetery in which 107 British soldiers and one sailor were buried. It was closed in July 1917 as excessively dangerous. He is now commemorated by a Special Memorial Headstone in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Abraham was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery is located 2 Kms east of Nieuwpoort on the road which leads from Nieuwpoort to Sint Joris. From June to November 1917, Commonwealth Forces held the front line in Belgium from St. Georges (now Sint Joris), near Ramscappelle, to the sea. The Cemetery started with Plot 1 in the middle of the graveyard. Most of the interments were made in July and August 1917. The burial ground was substantially enlarged after the Armistice of November 1918. At that time, the remains of the deceased from the battlefields and a number of smaller cemeteries were brought to Ramscappelle for interment. There are now 841 Commonwealth casualties of World War I who are either buried or commemorated in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery. Of those, 312 are unidentified.

Abraham 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 from the now demolished St. Phillip's Church, Leeds Road now displayed in Dewsbury Minster and on the Memorial Plaque in Eastborough School to former pupils.

In Memory of

Corporal

**A Senior**

21659, 17th Bn., Highland Light Infantry who died on 27 June 1917 Age 23

Son of George and Maria Senior, of 33, Woodville, Leeds Rd., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

**Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery**



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