



Edgar Winterflood

1897 – 1917

Edgar was born in Dewsbury on 7th April 1897 and baptised at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill on 28th May 1897. His father was Harry Ernest Winterflood, a Bricklayer's Labourer born at Woodham Ferrers, Essex in 1869 and died in 1957. His mother was Martha (nee Whiteley) born in Wombwell near Barnsley in 1872 and died in 1900. They were married at St. Michael and All Angels Church on 4th June 1892.

They also had a daughter, Stella, born in 1899.

In 1901 Edgar and Stella were living with their father Harry at the home of their grandparents William and Mary Winterflood at 6, The Combs, Thornhill.

Harry was remarried to Mary Ellen Burgoine at St. Michael and All Angels Church on 29th March 1902. The marriage certificate states that she was 31 years old at the time, but her birth is registered in Sheffield in 1861, meaning she was actually 41 years old. In 1911 Mary Ellen, was living in St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire, working as a servant. She died in Huddersfield in 1913. Harry, Edgar and Stella were back living with William and Mary Winterflood who still lived at 6, The Combs.

Harry remarried again in 1914 to a widow Elizabeth Brooks (born in 1875 and died in 1939). At the time of Edgar's death, the family were living at 29, Combs Hill, Thornhill.

Edgar was a single man who was educated at Thornhill Church of England School and later worked as a Pit Boy at Thornhill Colliery.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in August 1915 serving as Private 23217 in the 8th Battalion Yorkshire Hussars (Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own) and was sent to the Western Front in 1916. He was sent home early in 1917 after being wounded in the left foot and suffering from trench fever; he returned to the Front and was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 4th July 1917. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Edgar 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.

Edgar 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 St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of

Private

Edgar Winterflood

23217, 8th Bn., Yorkshire Regiment who died on 04 July 1917

Remembered with Honour

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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