



Frank Taylor

1893 – 1917

Frank was born in Earlsheaton on 16th November 1893 and was baptised in St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 22nd August 1894. His father was Fred Taylor, a Wool Dyer born in Dewsbury in 1867 and died in 1936. His mother was Mary Lucy (nee Greenwood) born in Kirkheaton in 1865 and died in 1934. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 26th December 1887.

Their other children were; Sarah Elsie, born in 1888 and died in 1889, Ernest, born in 1890 and served in World War 1, Alice, born in 1895, Sam, born in 1897 and Bertha, born in 1900.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Mount Pleasant, Earlsheaton, in 1911 at Old Bank Road, Earlsheaton. At the time of Frank's death, they lived at 74, Hilton Terrace, Old Bank, Earlsheaton.

Frank was a single man who was educated at Earlsheaton Council School and worked as a Warper for Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons, Spinkwell Mills, Dewsbury. He attended Ebenezer United Congregational Church and Sunday school, as well as the Friends Adult School in Peel Street, Dewsbury. He also played cricket for the Ebenezer Cricket Club.

He enlisted in August 1915 serving as Private 25236 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was wounded on the First Day of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916. On returning to duty, he was drafted to the 13th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment as Private 37282. According to the report of his death in the *Dewsbury Reporter* on 4th August 1917, he had had a few near escapes, being wounded again in May 1917 and was in hospital for a short time. He had escaped being captured, when caught on some barbed wire, by taking off his trousers. While on the Somme, he had given up his foxhole to an injured soldier, only for that soldier to be blown up by a shell moments later. He died in a Field Hospital in France on 21st July 1917, having been severely wounded in the stomach as a result of enemy shells exploding among the wiring party he was working with; eight fellow soldiers were also wounded. He was buried in Maroeuil British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. Frank was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Maroeuil is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, 6 kilometres north-west of Arras. The cemetery was begun by the 51st (Highland) Division when Commonwealth forces took over the Arras front in March 1916 and it retained its association with that division until the summer of 1918. The cemetery was protected from observation by the crest of the hill behind it and whenever possible, bodies were brought back to it from the front line by tramway. Maroeuil British Cemetery contains 563 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Frank 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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the Memorial Plaque in the Dewsbury Ebenezer Congregational Church, now known as Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist).

In Memory of

Private

Frank Taylor

37282, 13th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment who died on 21 July 1917 Age 23

Son of Fred and Lucy Taylor, of Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Maroeuil British Cemetery



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