



## Herbert Booth 1891 – 1917

Herbert was born in Guilden Sutton near Chester in 1891. His father was James Booth, an Innkeeper and later a Glass and China Dealer born in Middleton, Leeds in 1862 and died in 1941. His mother was Annie (nee Boffey), born in Bulkeley, Cheshire in 1865 and died in 1927. They were married at Liverpool Registry Office in 1886.

Their other children were; Elsie, born in 1887, Arthur Sydney, born in 1893 and served in World War 1, Clara Elizabeth, born in 1895, Annie Maria, born in 1898, May, born in 1903 and James, born in 1905.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at the Bird In Hand Inn, Guilden Sutton, in 1901 at 8, Merrion Street, Leeds and in 1911 at 6, Mitchell Avenue, Dewsbury.

Herbert was educated at St. Mary's School in Savile Town; he worked for 6 years in the employ of Mr. William Jubb, "*the Popular Grocer*" in his shop on Town Street, Batley Carr but later assisted his father James who had a Glass and China stall in Dewsbury Covered Market. He was married to Annie Webster (born in 1889 and died in 1924) in Dewsbury in 1913. They had two daughters, Norah, born in 1915 and Marian, born in 1917 and died in 1918. They lived at 435, Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees; Annie later lived at 22, South View, Thornhill Lees.

He was called up in October 1916 into the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Number 202908 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He died of wounds in the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Adinkerke in Belgian Flanders on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917, when the enemy had inflicted a sustained bombardment of Mustard Gas Shells around Nieupoort. He was buried in Adinkerke Churchyard Extension, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His brother Arthur who was serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps was the first to attend to him when he was brought in from the battle zone.

The village of Adinkerke is located west of the town of Veurne, in the direction of De Panne. From June to November 1917, XV Corps held the front from the Belgian coast to St. Georges. The 24<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Stations were posted at Oosthoek (between Adinkerke and Furnes) from July to November, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station was at Adinkerke for a short time in June. Adinkerke Churchyard Extension is a Belgian Military Cemetery on the west side of the Churchyard. The Commonwealth graves are in two small plots and are numbered consecutively with the other graves. The extension contains 67 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Herbert 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 in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of  
Lance Corporal  
**H Booth**

202908, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 25 July 1917

Remembered with Honour  
**Adinkerke Churchyard Extension**



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