



Henry Naylor **1892 – 1917**

Henry was born in Batley in 1892. His father was Alfred Naylor, a Teacher of Dancing and formerly a Coal Miner born in Wortley, Leeds in 1866 and died in 1941. His mother was Harriet Elizabeth (nee Bintley) born in Soothill, Batley in 1867 and died in 1903. They were married in 1888.

Their other children were; Edgar Ernest, born in 1888, Olive, born in 1891, Charles, born in 1895, Margaret, born in 1899 and Harriet Elizabeth, born in 1903 and died in 1903.

In 1891 they lived at Lady Ann Road, Soothill, Batley, in 1901 and 1911 at 19, Wellington Street, Batley and later at Grosvenor Hall, Dewsbury.

Alfred was remarried on 3rd January 1904 to Amelia Horsfall (born in Wakefield in 1869 and died in 1940) at All Saints Church, Batley.

Henry had his own hairdressing business at 24, Church Street, Dewsbury and was married to Annie Lister (born in 1895) in All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 21st February 1916; they had a daughter, Bessie, born in 1916. Annie later moved to 9, Carlton Terrace, Savile Town.

He enlisted in June 1916 serving as Private 242587 in the 1st/5th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 25th July 1917 where the enemy were inflicting a sustained bombardment of Mustard Gas Shells on the Belgian coast around Nieuport. Henry is buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery is located 2 Kms east of Nieuwpoort on the road leading from Nieuwpoort to Sint Joris. From June to November 1917, Commonwealth Forces (XV Corps) held the front line in Belgium from St. Georges (now Sint Joris), near Ramskapelle to the sea. Most of Plot I of Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery was made in July and August 1917, but the cemetery was considerably enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and smaller burial grounds. There are now 841 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 312 of the burials are unidentified, but special memorials commemorate two casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Also within this number are 26 special memorials to casualties originally buried at Nieuport or Nieuport-Bains whose graves were destroyed by shell fire.

Henry is 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

Henry Naylor

242587, 1st/5th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 25 July 1917 Age 24

Son of Alfred Naylor; husband of Milly Naylor, of 20, Belmont Avenue, Central Drive, Blackpool. Born at Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery



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