



## **Herbert Hall**

### **1887 – 1917**

Herbert was born in Batley on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1887. His father was William Young Hall, a Farrier with Dewsbury Coop, born in Boston, Lincolnshire in 1853 and died in 1925. His mother was Mary Elizabeth (nee Roberts) born in Batley in 185 and died in 1930. They were married in All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1879.

Their other children were; George William, born in 1880, Harry, born in 1882 and served in World War 1, Wilfred, born in 1885, Annie, born in 1889 and died in 1917, Edith Alice, born in 1891 and died in 1917, Mabel, born in 1895 and Harold, born in 1901.

On the Census Records for 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911 the family lived in King Street, Batley Carr.

Herbert was a single man who was educated at Warwick Road Council School and in his boyhood and youth attended Batley Carr Wesleyan Sunday School and Chapel. When he was about 17 years old he moved to Pallinsburn, Cornhill on Tweed, Northumberland to become a groom returning to Batley about 1913 when he returned to attend Batley Carr Wesleyan Chapel. At the Chapel he met Ada Fletcher who was in the choir and they became engaged. He worked as a horse keeper/teamer under his father at the Dewsbury Cooperative Society also acting as a grocer's carrier.

He attested on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1915 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was immediately transferred to the reserve with the Service Number 9565. He was called up on 29<sup>th</sup> February 1916 and transferred to the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers on 26<sup>th</sup> April serving as Private 40136 and was sent to the Western Front on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1916. He had been wounded in the right leg on the first day of the Battle of Arras on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917 and evacuated to England where he died on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1917 in the Duke of Edinburgh Ward at Charing Cross Hospital. London. His parents and fiancée were present at his death. He was buried with full military honours in Batley Cemetery. Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Herbert 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

**H Hall**

40136, 6th/7th Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers who died on 05 May 1917

Remembered with Honour  
**Batley Cemetery**



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