



George Fieldhouse 1894 – 1917

George was born in Dewsbury in 1894. His father was Charles Fieldhouse, a Foreman in a carpet works, born in Heckmondwike in 1862 and died in 1907. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Thornton) born in Batley in 1863 and died in 1926. They were married at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury on 27th December 1884.

Their other children who could be traced were; Cecil, born in 1885 and died in 1886, Herbert, born in 1887 and served in World War 1, Isabella, born in 1889 and died in 1890, Betsy, born in 1890, Dorothy, born in 1892, Sallie, born in 1896, Maggie, born in 1897 and Nellie, born in 1901. According to the 1911 census they had 10 children, 7 of whom had survived.

On the 1891 Census they lived at Wesley Place, Dewsbury, in 1901 at Central Street, Dewsbury, in 1911 at 18 George Street, Dewsbury and later at 21, Armitage Street, Ravensthorpe.

George was a cardmaker who was employed at the woollen mill of Messrs Armitage and Rhodes in Ravensthorpe, after working for Critchley, Sharp and Tetlow in Cleckheaton.

He enlisted in November 1916 serving as Private 25469 in the 4th Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, later transferring to the 2nd Battalion. He was killed in action on 2nd September 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. George was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

George 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Private

George Fieldhouse

25469, 2nd Bn., Grenadier Guards who died on 02 September 1917

Remembered with Honour Tyne Cot Memorial





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