



Philip Fairclough Beaumont

1891 - 1917

Philip was born in Dewsbury on 14th November 1891 and was baptised on 20th December 1891 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees. His father was Thomas Green Beaumont, a Cloth Manufacturer and Manager of Wormalds & Walker Ltd who was born in Kirkheaton near Huddersfield in 1846 and died in 1907. His mother was Ann/Annie (nee Fairclough) born in St. Asaph, North Wales in 1849 and died in 1921. They were married in 1875 at St. Asaph.

Their other children were; Gertrude Green, born in 1876, Edith, born in 1877 and died in 1878, John Frederic, born in 1881 and Gwendoline Mary, born in 1883.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 14, Prospect Place, Bilton, Harrogate, in 1901 at "Brooke House" Frocester near Stroud, Gloucestershire and in 1911 at "Woodleigh" Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.

Philip was a single man who was educated at Cheltenham College in Gloucestershire and then at St. Peter's School, York from 1906 to 1908. In 1911 he was an Engineering Student who later worked in the construction department of the Yorkshire Electric Power Company Ltd.

Upon enlistment he served as Private 3330 in the 1st/7th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was transferred into the West Yorkshire Regiment with the Service Number 265999 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal; he was sent to the Western Front on 13th April 1915 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry on 26th June 1917. He was killed in action on 9th October 1917 during the Battle of Poelcapelle which was part of the Battle of Passchendaele. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Philip was awarded the 1914-15 Star, 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.

Philip 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 War Memorial in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees and on the Cheltenham College War Memorial and on the War Memorial in St. Peter's School, York.

In Memory of
Second Lieutenant

Philip Fairclough Beaumont

4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 09 October 1917 Age 26

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Beaumont, of Woodleigh, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

