



Fred Land

1891- 1917

Fred was born in Batley Carr in 1891. His father was Samuel Land, a Tripe Dealer born in Batley Carr in 1852 and died in 1936. His mother was Hannah (nee Womack) born in Warmfield near Wakefield in 1852 and died in 1941. They were married on 2nd May 1874 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Mary, born in 1874, Harry, born in 1876 and died in 1877, Edwin, born in 1878, Nelly, born in 1880, Annie, born in 1885 and died in 1886 and Amy, born in 1886.

On the 1881 Census they lived at Trinity Street, Batley Carr, in 1891 at 4, Town Street, Batley Carr, in 1901 at 1, South View, Halifax Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 103, Mill Road, Batley Carr.

Fred was a single man who was educated at Batley Carr Church School and Carlton Road School. His occupation in 1911 was a Clothier's Shop Assistant and he also worked at Mr. John Greenwood's pawnbrokers shop in Church Street, Dewsbury. He was a member of the Dewsbury Tradesmen's Cricket Club.

He enlisted on 11th December 1915 into the King's Royal Rifle Corps transferring to the 164th Company Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) on 19th February 1916 with the Service Number 70487 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. After training at Aldershot he was sent to the Western Front in May 1916 and suffered a bout of trench fever before he came home on 10 days leave at the beginning of September 1917; on his return he received a Merit Card for his gallant conduct on 20th September from the Divisional Major-General. He was killed in action during the First Day of the Battle of Cambrai on 20th November 1917. He was buried in Villers-Faucon Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France, about 17 miles south of Cambrai. Fred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth burials in Villers-Faucon Communal Cemetery are those of soldiers who died in February-August 1917 plus two who were buried in September 1918. They were made by the cavalry, the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division, and other fighting troops. The communal cemetery contains 227 First World War burials. The adjoining extension was begun in April 1917 and used until March 1918, when it was used by the Germans. Commonwealth burials were resumed in September and October 1918. After the Armistice further Commonwealth graves were brought in from a wide area round Villers-Faucon. The Extension contains 459 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War.

Fred 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 Trinity Church, Batley Carr.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal
Fred Land

70487, 164th Coy., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) who died on 20 November 1917 Age 26

Son of Sam and Hannah Land, of 103, Mill Rd., Batley Carr, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour
Villers-Faucon Communal Cemetery Extension



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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