



Herman Stead

1886 - 1917

Herman was born in Cleckheaton on 4th February 1886. His father was Joseph Stead, a Blacksmith born in 1852 and died in 1889. His mother was Hannah Maria (nee Ambler) born in 1853 and died in 1922. They were married on 8th November 1873 at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield.

Their other children were; Amy, born in 1879 and Emily, born in 1881.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Upper Camroyd Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 38, Hollinroyd Road, Old Bank, Dewsbury.

Herman was a single man who was educated at Carlton Road Council School and attended the Sunday school at Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Methodist Church. He worked as a tram driver on the Ravensthorpe and Thornhill sections of the Yorkshire (Woollen District) Electric Tramways.

He enlisted on 14th March 1917 serving as Private 204707 in the 1st/5th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. 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. Herman 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.

Herman 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 from the now demolished St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of
Private
Herman Stead

204707, 1st/5th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 09 October 1917

Remembered with Honour
Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

