



Leonard Ferrari

1891 – 1917

Leonard was born in Dewsbury on 24th August 1891 and baptised 17th February 1901 at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr. His father was Richard Ferrari, a Rag Merchant born around 1857 in Hackney, London and died in 1936. His mother was Emma (nee Blakeley) born in Dewsbury in 1856 and died in 1929. They were married on 16th November 1875 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall.

Their other children, all born in Dewsbury were; Emma Marion, born in 1876, Archie, born in 1878, Louis, born in 1880 and died in 1885, Pepina, born in 1882, Lawrence, born in 1884, Richard, born in 1887 and died in 1894 and Leonora, born in 1889.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 114, Bradford Road, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 4, Upper South Street, Batley Carr and later at "Brookville" Moorlands Avenue, Dewsbury.

His grandfather was Achille Ferrari, born in Naples, Italy in February 1820 who migrated to London in 1843 and married Marion Hawkins in 1856. They moved to Dewsbury around 1861 and set up a rag import and auction business.

On the 1911 census Leonard was a warehouse man in his father's Rag Merchant firm, living in Batley Carr, with his parents and sister Leonora. Later that year he married Lizzie Annie Green who was (born in 1893 and died in 1966); they had 2 sons, Louis, born in 1911 and died in 1911 and Horace, born in 1913. They lived at "Ivy Cottage" Jowett's Yard, Common Road, Batley. He was reported as being a junior partner in the firm of Messrs R. Ferrari and Sons at the time of his death.

He enlisted in May 1916 serving as Private 42242 in the 7th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He did his training in England and was sent to the Western Front in November 1916. He was killed in action on 16th August 1917; the 7th Battalion was heavily involved in the Battle of Langemark which saw 15,000 casualties as 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. Leonard 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.

Leonard 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 Batley War Memorial and on the Memorial at Common Road Club, Staincliffe.

In Memory of

Private

Leonard Ferrari

42242, 7th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 16 August 1917 Age 24

Son of Richard and Emma Ferrari, of "Brookville," Moorlands Avenue, Dewsbury, Yorks; husband of Lizzie
Annie Ferrari, of Ivy Cottage, Jowetts Yard, Common Rd., Batley, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



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