



Ernest Inman

1891 - 1917

Ernest was born in Dewsbury on 18th May 1891. His father was Alfred Inman, a Fuller in a woollen mill born in 1856 and died in 1920. His mother was Sarah (nee Sheard) born in 1857 and died in 1912. They were married on 26th June 1880 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; William Alfred, born in 1881, Margaret Minerva, born in 1883, Laura, born in 1884, Arthur Leonard, born in 1887, Matthew Herbert, born in 1889, Jane, born in 1894 and died in 1907 and Sarah, born in 1899.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 62, Leeds Road, Dewsbury, in 1911 at 7, Charles Street, Leeds Road, Dewsbury and later at 11, Stonehyrst Avenue, Crackenedge, Dewsbury.

Ernest was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School and a regular attendee at St Philip's Church and Sunday school. His occupation was a fruiterer in Dewsbury Market.

He enlisted in May 1915 into the King's Own Scottish Borderers, serving as a Private in the 1st Battalion before being promoted to Lance Corporal 20068 in the 6th Battalion. In September 1915 he served in the Dardanelles Campaign (Gallipoli) and then Egypt before being posted to the Western Front in 1916; he was sent back home to recover from a thigh wound in January 1917 and returned to the Front in April. He was shot through the neck on 12th October 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele whilst leading his section in a charge against a German pillbox. He was buried in Gwalia Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ernest was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Gwalia Cemetery was opened at the beginning of July 1917, in the period between the Battle of Messines and the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). It lay among the camps in flat, wet country and was used by infantry units, artillery and field ambulances until September 1918. In Plot I, Row H, are buried 14 men of the 9th Lancashire Fusiliers who were killed in the early morning of 4th September 1917, in a German air raid over "Dirty Bucket Camp." The cemetery contains 467 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Ernest 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 Dewsbury Parish Church School.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal
Ernest Inman

20068, King's Own Scottish Borderers who died between 12 October 1917 and 13 October 1917 Age 26

Son of Alfred and Sarah Inman, of 11, Stonehyrst Avenue, Crackenedge, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour
Gwalia Cemetery



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