



## **Edward Brears**

### **1898 - 1917**

Edward was born in Batley in 1898. His father was Abraham Brears, a Tailor born in Heckmondwike in 1856 and died in 1921. His mother was Ellen (nee Woodcock) born in Thornhill Lees in 1865 and died in 1940. They were married in 1892.

Their other children were; Alfred, born in 1894 and died in 1898, Edith, born in 1895 and died in 1895, Ada born in 1896 and died in 1896 and Nellie, born in 1897 and died in 1897.

On the Census records for 1901 and 1911 the family lived at 34, Back Brook Street, Flatts, Dewsbury.

Edward was a single man who was educated at the Victoria Jubilee Council School and attended St. James's Mission Church. He was apprenticed to Mr. J. Barratt, a Whitesmith in Cross Street, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in April 1917 serving as Private 39429 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment and was sent to the Western Front in August. He was killed in action on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Edward 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Edward is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

**Edward Brears**

39429, 9th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 14 October 1917

Remembered with Honour

**Tyne Cot Memorial**



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