



## **Ernest Senior**

### **1898 - 1917**

Ernest was born in Dewsbury on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1898 and baptised at St. Philips Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1898. His father was Joseph Henry Senior, who worked in the glass trade, born in Thornhill in 1869 and died in 1950. His mother was Harriet Ann (nee Megson) born in Leeds in 1876 and died in 1953. They were married in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1897.

They had two more sons; Fewster, born in 1900 and Roy, born in 1909.

On the 1898 Census the family lived at 29, Battye Street, Eastborough, Dewsbury, in 1901 and 1911 at "The Elms", Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees.

Ernest was a single man who worked as a material printer.

He enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) serving as Private 57604. He was killed in action on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1917 during the Battle of Cambrai. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Ernest was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Cambrai Memorial commemorates 7,120 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South Africa who died in the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917 and whose graves are not known. The Memorial stands on a terrace in Louverval Military Cemetery, situated south of the small village of Louverval which is 13 Kms north-east of Bapaume and 16 Kms south-west of Cambrai.

His parents inserted an "*In Memoriam*" sentiment in the Dewsbury District News on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1918 which included the following lines: "*He gave his young life-the greatest of all sacrifices.*"

Ernest 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 in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Private

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57604, 2nd/6th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 22 November 1917 Age  
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Son of Joseph Henry and Harriet Ann Senior, of 421, Lees Hall Rd., Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Cambrai Memorial, Louverval



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

