



## **Charles Henry Hollingworth**

### **1893 - 1917**

Charles was born in Dewsbury on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1893 and baptised on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1893 at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield. His father was Henry Hollingworth, a Maltster and previously a labourer at a gas works, born in Fulstone, Yorkshire in 1861 and died in 1924. His mother was Mary Elizabeth (nee Heaton) born in Mirfield in 1863 and died in 1920. They were married at St. Mary's Church on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1885.

Their other children were; Alfred, born in 1887 and died in 1892, Ada, born in 1889, Fred, born in 1896 and died in 1896, Herbert, born in 1899, Alice, born in 1903 and Martha Ellen, born in 1905.

Mary had a son, Percy Heaton, born in 1884.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe, in 1911 at 32, Calder Road, Ravensthorpe and later at 775, Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe.

Charles was a single man who was educated at St. Saviour's Boys School in Ravensthorpe and attended the Church where he was a member of the Boy's Brigade. He worked as a cloth fuller for Messrs Henry Wheatley and Son in Mirfield and was engaged to a Miss Lizzie Thornton.

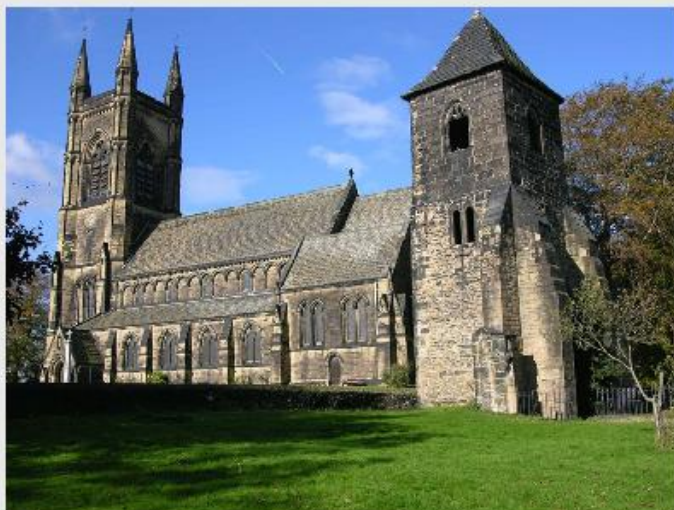
He was called up on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1916 and was posted to the Western Front with the Royal Field Artillery on 27<sup>th</sup> December of that same year. He was later transferred to the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment serving as Private 41763. He was wounded in action on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele; the Yorkshire's were leading an attack to the north of the village of Poelcapelle when he received a gunshot wound to the right arm and bullet wounds to his back. He sent a postcard to his mother which arrived on the 17<sup>th</sup> October saying that he had been wounded and was in a Field Hospital. His condition was stabilised and he was evacuated to the Hartley University War Hospital in Southampton arriving on 28<sup>th</sup> October. The following day the hospital Chaplain wrote to his parents to say that he had arrived and was "*going on well*" but his condition suddenly deteriorated when his wound started to bleed; an operation was performed which stopped the bleeding but he died from loss of blood on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1917. He was buried in St. Mary's Churchyard in Mirfield. Charles was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Charles 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of  
Private  
**C H Hollingworth**

41763, 6th Bn., Yorkshire Regiment who died on 30 October 1917

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