



## **Fred Gooder Hatfield**

### **1896 – 1917**

Fred was born in Ossett, Yorkshire on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1896. His mother was Emma Hatfield, born in Mirfield in 1883 and died in 1962. She was married to George Arthur Gooder, a coal miner (born in Dewsbury in 1876 and died in 1928) at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1897. In view of Fred's middle name, it is very likely that George was his father.

Their other children were; Willie, born in 1899 and died in 1899, Winnie, born in 1900, Hilda Irene, born in 1907, Joshua Henry, born in 1911 and died in 1911, Lily, born in 1913, May Jane, born in 1914, Freda, born in 1918, and Martha, born in 1920.

On the 1901 Census they lived at 38, Fearnley Street, Westtown and in 1911 at 3, Fall Lane, Dewsbury.

Fred was a single man who was educated at St. Matthews Church of England School in Westtown and also attended the Sunday school. He lived with his Maternal Grandparents Henry and Anne Hatfield at 10, Fall Lane, Westtown, Dewsbury. In 1911 he was an errand boy and was later employed by Messrs J. Fenton and Sons, Headfield Mills, Savile Town.

He enlisted in January 1916 into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and later served as Private 291630 in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) He was sent to the Western Front at the beginning of September 1916 and was wounded on the 14<sup>th</sup> of that month and returned home to a hospital in Hampshire from where he was eventually posted to Egypt. He died in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lowland Field Hospital on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1917 of wounds received in Palestine during the attack on El Mugar. His grave was either lost or became impossible to maintain and so he is commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial. Fred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Jerusalem War Cemetery was begun after the occupation of the city, with 270 burials. It was later enlarged to take graves from the battlefields and smaller cemeteries in the neighbourhood. There are now 2,514 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery, 100 of them unidentified. Within the cemetery stands the Jerusalem Memorial, commemorating 3,300 Commonwealth servicemen who died during the First World War in operations in Egypt or Palestine and who have no known grave.

Fred 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 the porch of the now closed St. Matthews Church, Westtown.

In Memory of  
Private

## Fred Hatfield

291630, 8th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) who died on 13 November 1917 Age 21

Son of Mrs. Emma Gooder, of 4, Smiths Yard, Dale St., Ossett, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour  
Jerusalem Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

