



George Alfred Carr 1888 - 1917

George was born at 63, Warwick Terrace, Batley on 14th May 1888. His father was Joseph Ramsden Carr, a Newspaper Proprietor and Printer born in Dewsbury in 1859 and died in 1919. His mother was Margaret Ann (nee Firth) born in Hunslet, Leeds in 1859 and died in 1943. They were married in 1883. The Census Records for 1901 and 1911 state George's place of birth as Dewsbury, as does his Commonwealth War Graves Commission Record.

Their other children were; Josephine Mary, born in 1884, and William Edwin, born in 1893 and died in 1893.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 63, Warwick Terrace, Batley, in 1901 and 1911 at "Lumville" 8, Clark Street, Westborough, Dewsbury and later at Park Lodge, Dewsbury and then at "Rosendaal" Lawnswood Gardens, Leeds.

George was a single man who was educated at Miss Whitworth's private school on Halifax Road, St. Joseph's RC School in Batley Carr, Heckmondwike Secondary School and then Blackpool Grammar School. He attended Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church and was associated with the Dewsbury and District Light Opera. He worked as Chief Reporter for the Dewsbury District News, prior to which he worked for 8 years at the Bournemouth Guardian.

He enlisted in 1916 serving as Private 5078 in the 2nd/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with a later Service Number of 202227, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He was sent to the Western Front in January 1917 and joined the regimental office staff there, using his skills as a proficient shorthand writer and typist. Although slightly built, he was always prepared to "rough it" with his fellow soldiers. Around September 1917 he became seriously ill and in October was taken to hospital in Rouen, during which the Red Cross train was involved in an accident with part of it being wrecked. He seemed to be recovering and was sent home for further treatment and convalescence but he suffered a relapse and died on 15th November 1917 at Paddock Military Hospital, Huddersfield from acute nephritis contracted whilst in service. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. George was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

George 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 Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, where his parents also donated a private memorial to him.

It is located above a confessional and depicts Our Lady with the child Jesus. The Romanesque style design on the memorial is on hand-painted tiles encased in an oak frame. The halos around the heads of the Christ-child and Virgin Mary are of gold mosaic. The inscription beneath it reads: *"In memory of George A. Carr Died in the War Nov. 15 1917. Joseph Carr (Father of the Above) Died Feb. 11 1919."*

In Memory of
Lance Corporal
G A Carr

202227, 2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 15 November 1917 Age 29

Son of Joseph R. and M. A. Carr, of "Rosendaal," Lawnswood Gardens, Leeds. Born at Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour
Dewsbury Cemetery



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