



Christopher Wharton Farrar

1891-1918

Christopher was born in Batley on 20th March 1891 and baptised on 22nd April 1891 at All Saints Church, Batley. His father was Abraham Dyer, an Innkeeper born in Batley in 1857 and died in 1899. His mother was Mary (nee Shaw) born in Batley in 1866 and died in 1903. They were married at All Saints Church, Batley on 24th December 1888.

Their other children were; Ann Elizabeth, born in 1889, Joseph William, born in 1893 and Charlotte, born in 1895.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at the Wellington Inn, Wellington Street, Batley and in 1901 at the White Hart Inn, Purlwell Lane, Batley.

Christopher worked as a Rug Warehouseman and was married to Sarah Black (born in 1894 and died in 1971) on 7th March 1914 at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury; they lived at 70, Upper Road, Batley Carr and had a son, Abraham, born in 1915.

He enlisted in 1915 in the South Staffordshire Regiment and was later transferred to the Labour Corps; he was sent to the Western Front in June 1916 and in September 1917 he was serving as Private 44746 in the 20th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 5th July 1918 and was buried in the field. In June 1920 his remains were reburied in La Clytte Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Christopher was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

La Clytte Military Cemetery is located 8 Kms west of Ieper (Ypres) town centre. The hamlet of La Clytte was used as Brigade Headquarters, and the burials were carried out by Infantry, Artillery and Engineer units (out of 600, 250 are those of Artillery personnel and 66 are those of Engineers). After the Armistice the cemetery was enlarged by the concentration of isolated graves and small graveyards from the area round Reninghelst, Dickebusch, Locre and Kemmel. There are now 1,082 casualties of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery.

Christopher 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 Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr and on the Batley War Memorial.

In Memory of

Private

C W Farrar

44746, 20th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 05 July 1918 Age 28

Husband of Sarah Farrar, of 70, Upper Rd., Batley Carr, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

La Clytte Military Cemetery



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