



Edward Harold Moore

1887-1918

Edward was born in Hopton, Mirfield on 1st May 1887. His father was Fred Moore, a Plumber born in Scarborough in 1866 and died in 1909. His mother was Eliza (nee Garfitt, birth surname registered as *Garforth*) born in Overton near Wakefield in 1864 and died in 1938. They were married in 1886.

They had another son, Charles, born in 1886.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 31, New Street, Hopton, in 1901 at South Street, Mirfield, in 1911 at New Scarborough, Mirfield and later at North Street, Lower Hopton.

Edward was a Rag Grinder at the time of his marriage on 19th February 1916 at St. Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury to Laura Newsome (born in 1891 and died in 1972); they lived at 33, Back Bright Street, Springfield, Dewsbury and had a daughter, Betsy, born in 1916.

He enlisted in Batley serving as Private 203581 in the 4th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. He died in a Casualty Clearing Station at Godewaersvelde, France from wounds sustained around Ploegsteert Wood in Belgian Flanders during the 2nd Battle of the Lys; he was buried in Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, Nord, France. Edward was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Godewaersvelde is a village near the Belgian border, about 16 kilometres south-west of Ypres(now Ieper) in Belgium, and is half-way between Poperinge, in Belgium and Hazebrouck, in France. The British Cemetery is a little east of the village. The cemetery was begun in July 1917 when three casualty clearing stations were moved to Godewaersvelde. The 37th and the 41st buried in it until November 1917, the 11th until April 1918, and from April to August 1918, during the German offensive in Flanders, field ambulance and fighting units carried on the burials. Godewaersvelde British Cemetery now contains 972 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Edward is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

Edward Harold Moore

203581, 4th Bn., South Staffordshire Regiment who died on 12 April 1918 Age 30

Son of Eliza Moore, of North St., Lower Hopton, Mirfield, Yorks; husband of Laura Moore, of 33 back, Bright St., Springfield, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Godewaersvelde British Cemetery



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