



Herbert Carr

1889-1918

Herbert was born in Leeds in 1889. His father was Job Carr, a rag warehouseman born in Howden Clough, Birstall in 1859 and died in 1927. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Dolan), born in Leeds in 1861 and died in 1923. They were married at St. Thomas's Church, Leeds on 17th July 1882.

Their other children were; Charlotte Eliza, born in Leeds in 1882 and died in 1916, John Arthur, born in Leeds in 1883, Catherine (Katy/Kate) born in Dewsbury in 1895.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 21, Albion Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 31, Victoria Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 6, Springfield Street, Dewsbury.

Herbert was a single man who was educated at St. Joseph's RC School in Batley Carr and worked as a packer for Machell Brothers, Shoddy and Mungo Manufacturers. He attended Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

He attested as a reservist on 11th December 1915 as Private 3853 in the West Yorkshire Regiment, he was mobilised on 11th February 1916 and sent to the Western Front on 25th June 1916 serving from 13th July as Private 31100 attached to the 1st Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment and fully transferred on 13th September. A few days later he was hospitalised with a gunshot wound to the finger at the 38th Casualty Clearing Station at Heilly, France during the Battle of the Somme and the following month he was suffering from rheumatism in the arm. He was killed in action in France on 22nd March 1918 during the Second Day of the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial to the Missing. Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Pozieres Memorial relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8th August 1918. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died between 21st March to 7th August 1918.

Herbert 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 Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church and on the War Memorial in St. Joseph's Church, Batley Carr.

In Memory of

Private

Herbert Carr

31100, 1st Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment who died on 22 March 1918

Remembered with Honour

Pozières Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

