



## **Clarence Ingham**

### **1892-1918**

Clarence was born in Dewsbury on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1892. His father was William Ingham, a Power Loom Tuner born in Hull in 1867. His mother was Eliza Anne (nee Bailey) born in Ravensthorpe in 1866 and died in 1895. They were married in 1889.

On the 1891 Census they lived at 87, Whitley Street, Dewsbury.

William was remarried in 1896 to Matilda Fletcher (born in 1872 and died in 1948) they had a daughter, Dorothy May, born in 1917.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 15, Schofield's Buildings, Cemetery Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 13, Clement Terrace, Savile Town.

Clarence was educated at St. Mary's Church of England School in Savile Town and was a member of the church choir and a Teacher at the Sunday school; he was also secretary of the Church of England Men's Society. He worked as an attendant at Wakefield Asylum and was married to Dorothy Bluff (born in Chesterfield in 1893 and died in 1921) at St. John the Baptist Church, Wakefield on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1917. They had a son, Clarence, born in Chesterfield on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1918, less than a month after his father's death.

He enlisted in 1915 and was sent to the Western Front on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1916 serving as Bombardier 295519 in the Royal Garrison Artillery and after 7 months he was awarded a Commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 65<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery; he returned to the front in June 1918 and was killed in action in France on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1918, he was buried in Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas-de-Calais, France. Clarence was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery is in the western part of the town of Arras. The French handed over Arras to Commonwealth forces in the spring of 1916 and the system of tunnels upon which the town is built were used and developed in preparation for the major offensive planned for April 1917. The Commonwealth section of the cemetery was begun in March 1916, behind the French military cemetery established earlier, it continued to be used by field ambulances and fighting units until November 1918. The cemetery was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and from two smaller cemeteries in the vicinity. The cemetery contains over 2,650 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 10 of which are unidentified. The graves in the French military cemetery were removed after the war to other burial grounds and the land they had occupied was used for the construction of the Arras Memorial and Arras Flying Services Memorial.

Clarence 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 from the now demolished St. Mary's Church in Savile Town now displayed in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of  
Second Lieutenant

# Clarence Ingham

65th Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 21 August 1918

Remembered with Honour  
Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras



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