



John William Luty

1889-1918

John was born in Chidswell, Dewsbury on 14th March 1889 and baptised at St. Paul's Church Hanging Heaton on the 21st April 1889. His father was Daniel (Dan) Luty, a farm worker and later a milk deliverer born in Bramham, Yorkshire in 1852 and died in 1921. His mother was Mary (nee Stanistreet) born in Castleford, Yorkshire in 1853 and died in 1919. They were married at All Saints Church, Batley on 27th June 1879.

Their other children were; Edith, born in 1882 and died in 1882, Arthur, born in 1885 and died in 1903, Anne Elizabeth born in 1887 and died in 1888 and Miriam, born in 1891 and died in 1892.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Chidswell, in 1901 at Soothill Lane and in 1911 at Sykes's Buildings, Chidswell.

John worked as a farmer and was married to Emily Creighton (born in Kexbrough near Barnsley in 1887 and died in 1963) at St. George's Church, Barnsley on 28th December 1909. They were living with his family in 1911 and later they lived at Walker's Cottages, Chidswell Lane. They had a daughter, Hilda Creighton born in 1912 and a son, Alfred born in 1914. Emily was remarried on 4th August 1919 to Harold Ridsdale (born in 1893 and died in 1956) at St. Paul's Church Hanging Heaton; they had four sons between 1920 and 1925.

He enlisted in the 1st Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers serving as Private 18281 and was posted to the Balkan Campaign on 18th July 1915 and later to the Western Front. He died of wounds in a Casualty Clearing Station at Hazebrouck, France on 13th May 1918 during the later stages of the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). He was buried in Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck, Nord, France. John was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Hazebrouck is a town and commune 22 kilometres east of St. Omer. Cinq Rues British Cemetery lies 3 kilometres west of the town. The Cemetery was used chiefly by the field ambulances and fighting units of the 29th Division from April to August 1918 for the burial of Commonwealth casualties sustained during the German offensive. There are now 226 First World War burials in the cemetery.

John 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

John William Luty

18281, 1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 13 May 1918 Age 29

Son of Dan and Mary Luty; husband of Mrs. Luty, of Walkers Cottages, Chidswell Lane, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck



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