



Christopher Laycock

1891-1918

Christopher was born in Thornhill on 2nd June 1891 and baptised at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill on 7th August 1891. His father was George Roberts Laycock, a Blacksmith born in Moortown, Leeds in 1851 and died in 1917. His mother was Sarah (nee Blackburn) born in Thornhill in 1851 and died in 1930. They were married in St. Michael and All Angels Church on 26th December 1871.

Their other children were; Annie, born in 1872, Amy, born in 1874, Harry, born in 1877 and died in 1882, Twins; William, born in 1879 and died in 1909 and Edward, born in 1879 and died in 1887, Elizabeth, born in 1881, Eleanor, born in 1883, Percy, born in 1885, Tom born in 1887 and Mary Alice, born in 1889.

On the 1881 Census the family were living with his mother Sarah's brother and two sisters at 15, Maines Yard, Thornhill, in 1891 at Park View, Thornhill, in 1901 at Park Terrace, Thornhill, in 1911 at The Common, Thornhill and later at 44, Park Terrace, Thornhill.

Christopher was a single man who worked as a Warehouseman in a Shoddy Mill.

He enlisted in Glasgow serving as Private 28556 in the 10th Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). The 10th (Service) Battalion was first sent to The Western Front in July 1915 but Christopher was probably not part of the first contingent as he did not qualify for the 1914-15 Star. He was killed in action in France on 4th April 1918 during the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Christopher was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7th August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Christopher 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 St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of

Private

Christopher Laycock

28556, 10th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) who died on 04 April 1918 Age 26

Son of George Roberts and Sarah Laycock, of 44, Park Terrace, Thornhill, Dewsbury, Yorks.

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