



## **Fred Stanley**

### **1889-1918**

Fred was born in Dewsbury on 27<sup>th</sup> February 1889 and baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1889 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees. His father was George Stanley, a Boot Repairer born in Dewsbury in 1857 and died in 1923. His mother was Sophia Ann (nee Oates) born in Dewsbury in 1861 and died in 1912. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1876.

Their other children were; Elizabeth Ann, born in 1876, Hannah, born in 1878 and died in 1910, Jane, born in 1879, Ada, born in 1881 and died in 1886, Samuel, born in 1883 and died in 1884, Mary Ann, born in 1884, Albert, born in 1887 and died in 1915, Edwin, born in 1891, Henry, born in 1893, Willie, born in 1896 and died in 1896, Horace, born in 1898, Millie, born in 1902, Amy, born in 1903 and Charlie, born in 1907.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at 49, Thornhill Road, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 7, Thornhill Road and in 1911 at Tweedale Street off Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury.

Fred was also a Boot Repairer and was married at St. John the Baptist Church, Dawgreen, Dewsbury on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1912 to Sarah Alice Farrar (born in Hanging Heaton in 1893 and died in 1958). They lived at 26, Lister Street, Flatts, Dewsbury and had two children; Clara Alice, born in 1912 and Joseph, born in 1913. Sarah was remarried in 1920 to Arthur Frain (born in 1898 and died in 1954). In 1939 they lived at 18, Reads Avenue, Blackpool and had a daughter, Eileen, born in 1920.

He enlisted in Pontefract on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1916 into the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Durham Light Infantry later transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion serving as Private 375966. He was killed in action in France on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1918; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Haucourt, Pas-de-Calais, France. Fred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Vis-en-Artois and Haucourt are villages on the straight main road from Arras to Cambrai. The Memorial is the back drop to the Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery, which is west of Haucourt on the north side of the main road. It bears the names of over 9,000 men of the forces of Great Britain and Ireland and South Africa; who fell in the period from 8<sup>th</sup> August 1918 to the date of the Armistice in the Advance to Victory in Picardy and Artois, between the Somme and Loos, and who have no known grave. Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces being commemorated on other memorials to the missing.

Fred is also 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

**Fred Stanley**

375966, 2nd Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 24 September 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Vis-En-Artois Memorial**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

