



Percy Daughtry

1895-1918

Percy was born in Earlsheaton on 12th July 1895 (his surname is registered as *Daughtery*) His father was Benjamin Daughtry, a coal miner born in Gawthorpe, Ossett in 1855 and died in 1927. His mother was Sarah (nee Howgate formerly Langham), born in 1858 and died in 1935. They were never married but lived together from around 1889 until Benjamin's death. There were many spelling variations of their surname.

Their other children were; Mary Jane (*Dawtry*), born in 1889, Amy (*Daughtery*), born in 1897 and Joseph Leonard (*Daughtry*), born in 1900 and died in 1905.

Sarah had married a widower, Thomas Langham (born in 1856 and died in 1884) on 20th November 1880; they had a son Harry, born in 1883. She had a daughter, Edith Langham, born in 1886 and whose surname was recorded as Daughtry in subsequent Census Records.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records, the family lived at Rayner's Yard, Bank Top, Earlsheaton and later at 192, Old Bank Road, Earlsheaton.

Percy was a single man who attended Earlsheaton Council School and Highfield Chapel, where he was formerly in the choir, and was associated with the Band of Hope. He worked as a Piecer in the textile industry, latterly as a 'low ender' employed at Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons, Calder Mills, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in April 1916 into the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers Service Number 38414, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He was killed in action in France on 28th March 1918 during the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial to the Missing. Percy 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.

Percy 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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the Memorial Plaque from the now demolished Earlsheaton Highfield Congregational Church relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal

Percy Daughtry

38414, 1st Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers who died on 28 March 1918 Age 22

Son of Mrs. Sarah Daughtry, of 192, Old Bank Rd., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Arras Memorial



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

