



Seth Henry Walshaw

1896-1918

Seth was born in Dewsbury on 3rd December 1896 and baptised at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 3rd January 1897. His father was Bedford Walshaw, a Carpenter & Joiner born in Dewsbury in 1869 and died in 1931. His mother was Elizabeth (née Squires) born in Ossett in 1867 and died in 1926. They were married at Holy Innocents Church on 8th October 1895.

They also had a daughter, Annie, born in 1898.

Bedford had been previously married to Mary Bates (born in 1869 and died in 1892) on 7th May 1887 at St. Matthews's Church, Westtown, Dewsbury; they had a daughter, Annie, born in 1887 and died in 1896.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 27, Ashworth Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 95, Westgate, Dewsbury.

Seth was a single man who was educated at Dewsbury Parish Church School; his occupation is not known as he was still a schoolboy in 1911.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in August 1915 into the 16th and later 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) with the Service Number 16/1722, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal and was sent to the Western Front with the 1st/5th Battalion in January 1916; in February 1917 he was wounded to the extent that he had to return home for treatment and did not return to the front until August that same year. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 25th April 1918; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Seth was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Seth 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 from Dewsbury Parish Church School and as *Henry Walshaw* on the War Memorial in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees and as *S. Harry Walshaw* on the Memorial Plaque in the Dewsbury Ebenezer Congregational Church, now known as Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist).

In Memory of
Lance Corporal

Seth Henry Walshaw

16/1722, 1st/5th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 25 April 1918

Remembered with Honour
Tyne Cot Memorial



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