



Harry Hemingway

1885-1918

Harry was born in Dewsbury in 1885. His father was John Moore Hemingway, a foreman in a blanket warehouse born in Dewsbury in 1858 and died in 1924. His mother was Mary Elizabeth (nee Brook) born in Pudsey in 1860 and died in 1947. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 9th December 1883.

Their other children who could be traced were; Richard, born in 1886, Mary Jane, born in 1887 and died in 1889, Edith, born in 1890, Hilda, born in 1891, Lillie, born in 1893 and Doris, born in 1895.

On the 1891, 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 3, Upper Mills, Stennard Lane, Thornhill Lees.

Harry was educated at Thornhill Lees Church School and attended Holy Innocents Church where he was a chorister, he was also a member of Ravensthorpe Conservative Club; he worked as a Blanket Presser for Messrs Wormald and Walker. He was married to Emma Louise Holt (born in 1886 and died in 1936) on the 22nd July 1911 at St. Saviour's Parish Church, they lived at 19, Field Street, Ravensthorpe and had three daughters; Ethel, born in 1911 and died in 1912, Marjorie, born in 1912 and Phyllis, born in 1915.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in May 1918 and was posted to the East Yorkshire Regiment at Hornsea with the Service Number 39857, later being transferred to the 15th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers serving as Private 63785. He was sent to the Western Front on 12th September 1918 and was killed in action near Joncourt, France on 30th September 1918; he was buried in Joncourt East Cemetery, Aisne, France. Harry was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Emma had heard nothing from him since he sent a letter on the 25th September; it was not until 2nd February 1919 that she received official confirmation that he had been killed.

Joncourt is a village situated in the north-western corner of the Department of the Aisne, 12 kilometres north of St Quentin. The village of Joncourt was immediately west of the German fortification called the Beaufort-Fonsomme Line. It was captured by Australian troops on 30th September 1918, and cleared by the 5th Australian and 32nd Division on the following day. Joncourt East British Cemetery contains 71 First World War burials, 62 of which belong to the 15th or 16th Lancashire Fusiliers or the 2nd Manchesters. All of the graves date from the period 30th September-3rd October 1918.

Harry is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of
Private

H Hemingway

63785, 15th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers who died on 30 September 1918

Husband of Mrs. E. L. Hemingway, of 19, Field St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour
Joncourt East British Cemetery



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