



Stanley Palframan Pickles

1899-1918

Stanley was born in Dewsbury in 1899. His father was Mark Pickles, born in Dewsbury in 1870 and died in 1923. His mother was Hilda (nee Palframan) born in Dewsbury in 1871 and died in 1946. They were married on 11th February 1893 at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; William Herbert (Willie), born in 1894, Emma Ethel, born in 1895, Elsie, born in 1897, Marian, born in 1902 and died in 1903, Hilda May, born in 1904 and died in 1904, Charlotte/Lottie born in 1907, Eveline/Evelyn, born in 1912 and Jack Mons, born in 1914.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 27, Albion Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 44, Albion Street, Springfield, Dewsbury.

Stanley was a single man who was educated at Carlton Road School and attended Springfield Congregational Church and Sunday school and also sang in the choir at St. Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury. He was employed by Dewsbury Pioneers Industrial Society at their store in Battye Street.

He enlisted in October 1917 and according to his obituary in the newspapers he was first attached to the West Yorkshire Regiment although this does not appear in his medal award records. His health was classed as "C1" due to a weak heart and he was allowed to carry a lighter "Dummy Pack" whilst on parade. He was not expected to serve at the front line, but the events of the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*) meant that many reservists had to be drafted to support the losses. He was sent to the Western Front at the end of March 1918 serving as Private 42027 in the 7th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. He was wounded by a bomb in the right forearm in France on 24th April and died in hospital on 27th April 1918; he was buried in St. Hilaire Cemetery Extension, Frevent, Pas-de-Calais, France. Stanley was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The town of Frevent is 39 kilometres west of Arras, 12 kilometres south of St Pol and 16 kilometres south-east of Hesdin. The 43rd Casualty Clearing Station was posted there from April to June 1916, part of the Lucknow Casualty Clearing Station in June, the 6th Stationary Hospital from June 1916 to the end of August 1918, and the 3rd Canadian, 19th and 43rd Casualty Clearing Stations in the summer of 1918. The great majority of the burials in the cemetery were carried out from these hospitals. St. Hilaire Cemetery Extension was used from March to August 1918 and contains 304 First World War burials.

Stanley 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 Springfield Congregational Church Memorial Plaque now relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of
Private

Stanley Palframan Pickles

42027, 7th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment who died on 27 April 1918 Age 18

Son of Mark and Hilda Pickles, of 44, Albion St., Springfield, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
St. Hilaire Cemetery Extension, Frevent



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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