



Charles Ellis

1895-1918

Charles was born in Ravensthorpe in 1895. His father was John Ellis, a Check Weighman, born in Clifton near Brighthouse in 1853 and died in 1902. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Senior, late Redman) born in Dewsbury Moor in 1856 and died in 1927. They were married at St. Matthew's Church, Westtown on 9th July 1887.

Their other children were; Senior, born in 1887 and served in World War 1, Herbert, born in 1889 and died in 1890, Miriam, born in 1891 and Hubert, born in 1893.

Elizabeth Senior was previously married to Jim Redman in 1879; they had a daughter, Sarah Ann Redman, born in 1879.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at School Street, Ravensthorpe, in 1911 at North Road, Ravensthorpe and later at 97, Garden Street, Ravensthorpe.

Charles was a single man who worked as a farmer for Mr. Charles Fearnley of Ravensthorpe but had previously worked as a drayman.

He enlisted in Dewsbury on 15th April 1915 into the King's Own Yorkshire Light infantry with the Service Number 1755, later transferring to the 4th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers serving as Private 202092. He was killed in action near Martinsart, Somme, France on 6th April 1918 during the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial. Charles was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Pozieres Memorial relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8th August 1918. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died between 21st March to 7th August 1918.

Charles 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

Charles Ellis

202092, 4th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers who died on 06 April 1918 Age 22

Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, of 97, Garden St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Pozières Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

