



Joseph Redgwick

1899-1918

Joseph was born in Batley Carr in 1899. His father was John William Redgwick, a Coal Miner born in Flockton near Wakefield in 1866 and died in 1903. His mother was Eliza (nee Wilson) born in Batley Carr in 1867 and died in 1928. They were married on 3rd November 1888 at All Saints Church, Batley.

Their other children were; Wilson, born in 1894 and served in World War 1, Harry, born in 1896, Mary Elizabeth, born in 1898 and died in 1899, Charlesworth, born in 1899 and served in World War 1 and John William, born in 1901 and died in 1907.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 61, Upper Road, Batley Carr and in 1901 and 1911 at 1, Robin Lane, Batley Carr and later at 100, Upper Road, Batley Carr.

Joseph was a single man and was employed as a Raiser for Messrs John Fenton and Sons in Batley Carr. He was a popular member of Batley Carr Working Men's Club.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in 1916 serving as Private 41217 in "B" Company 14th Battalion Highland Light Infantry. He was killed in action in Flanders on 9th April 1918, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium. Joseph was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

It was not until May 1919 that his mother received an official communication that he was presumed dead.

The Ploegsteert Memorial stands in Berks Cemetery Extension, which is located 12.5 Kms south of Ypres (now Ieper). The memorial commemorates the 11,349 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South African forces who have no known grave and died in the area from the line Caestre-Dranoutre-Warneton to the north, to Haverskerque-Estaires-Fournes to the south, including the towns of Hazebrouck, Merville, Bailleul and Armentieres, the Forest of Nieppe, and Ploegsteert Wood. The original intention had been to erect the memorial in Lille. Most of those commemorated by the memorial did not die in major offensives, such as those which took place around Ypres to the north, or Loos to the south. Most were killed in the course of the day-to-day trench warfare which characterised this part of the line, or in small scale set engagements, usually carried out in support of the major attacks taking place elsewhere.

Joseph 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 Memorial Plaque in St. Paul's Church Hanging Heaton and on the Hanging Heaton War Memorial in St. Paul's Churchyard and on the Batley War Memorial.

In Memory of

Private

Joseph Redgwick

41217, "B" Coy. 14th Bn., Highland Light Infantry who died on 09 April 1918 Age 29

Son of Mrs. Eliza Redgwick, of 100 Upper Rd., Batley Carr, Batley, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Ploegsteert Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

