



Ernest Dyson

1895-1919

Ernest was born at 24, Rawson Street, New Basford, Nottingham on 4th December 1895; his birth name was registered as *Ernest Dyson Taylor*. His mother was Sarah Taylor, born in Golcar, Huddersfield in 1865 and died in 1901. His father was George Henry Dyson, a Grocer and Baker born in Golcar in 1863 and died in 1927. They never married but lived as man and wife until her death.

George Henry Dyson led a chequered personal life. He was married to Sarah Livesey in November 1883 at High Street Chapel, Huddersfield, they had five children; Harry Mitchell, born in 1884, Willie, born in 1885, Herbert, born in 1887, Edgar, born in 1889 and Elizabeth Ann, born in 1892. In 1901 Sarah was living at Bunker's Hill, Golcar with her children and her brother James. In 1911 she was living at 11, New Brighton, Golcar with her brother and three of her children stating that she had been married for 27 years with five children born to the marriage and none had died in infancy.

On the 1901 Census Ernest was living with his father and Sarah Taylor (recorded as Dyson) at 104, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. In 1911 Ernest is a Bread Salesman living with his father at 31, Manchester Road, Huddersfield and a live-in housekeeper, Esther Noble and her son Stanley born in 1900, who in all probability was George Henry's son. Around 1915/16 they all moved to 76, Upper Road, Batley Carr to open a bakery store.

Ernest was a single man, although he was engaged to a Miss Annie Evans of Ravensthorpe and worked as a Woollen Spinner for Messrs Armitage and Rhodes, Calder Mills.

He attested in Dewsbury on 15th January 1916 as Private 27859 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was mobilised on 4th March 1916 and posted to the 1/5th Battalion with the Service Number 7116 on the 7th October 1916 embarking for Boulogne from Folkestone on the 9th June 1917, moving to Etaples on the 10th June. At some stage he was transferred to the 8th Battalion Royal Army Medical Corps serving as Private 142003. He was gassed on 17th July 1918 and returned to England. He was stationed at Richmond, Yorkshire and in February 1919 he was home on leave but a few days after returning to Richmond he was taken ill with influenza and other complications followed. His stepmother and his fiancée visited him on 15th March and were with him when he died in the Military Hospital at Richmond Barracks on 16th March 1919 from Spanish Flu. He was buried in Holmfirth (Holy Trinity) Burial Ground. Ernest was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Ernest 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 War Memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr.

In Memory of

Private

E Dyson

142003, 8th Coy, Royal Army Medical Corps who died on 16 March 1919

Remembered with Honour

Holmfirth (Holy Trinity) Burial Ground



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