



Herbert Hedley

1899-1919

Herbert was born in Wakefield in 1899. His father was George Hedley, a Bricklayer born in Goole in 1873 and died in 1924. His mother was Annie/Hannah (nee Bateman) born in Rawcliffe near Goole in 1875 and died in 1928. They were married at St. John the Baptist Church, Dawgreen, Dewsbury on 19th May 1891.

Their other children were; Grace, born in Goole in 1893, Nellie, born in Wakefield in 1896, George, born in Wakefield in 1901, Alice, born in Wakefield in 1904, Edward, born in Dewsbury in 1906 and died in 1907, Annie, born in Dewsbury in 1908, Harry, born in Dewsbury in 1910 and Clarice, born in Dewsbury in 1913.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 21, Charles Street, Wakefield and in 1911 at 25, Pitt Street, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury.

Herbert was a single man but nothing more is known about his life as he was a schoolboy in 1911; his Death Certificate states that his occupation was a Mechanic's Labourer at a Soap Works.

He enlisted into the 7th Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 34131 and was later transferred to the 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion, Highland Light Infantry serving as Private 50001. He died at Dewsbury General Infirmary on 17th July 1919 from a perforated duodenal ulcer and acute diffuse peritonitis. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Herbert must have served in a war zone as he was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Herbert is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

H Hedley

50001, 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Bn., Highland Light Infantry who died on 17 July 1919 Age 20

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hedley, of 25, Pitt St., Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury Cemetery



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