



## **Ellis Walker**

**1891-1918**

Ellis was born in Savile Town, Dewsbury on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1891 and baptised 9<sup>th</sup> July 1891 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees. His father was Frederick Walker, a woollen mill worker and later a retail grocer with a beer licence born in Mirfield in 1857 and died in 1910. His mother was Eliza (nee Smith) born in Womersley, Yorkshire in 1860 and died in 1905. They were married on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1882 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

Their other children were; Beatrice Ethel, born in 1886, Frances Annie, born in 1889, Elsie May, born in 1895 and Edgar, born in 1900.

On the 1901 Census the family lived in Lower Savile Town.

Frederick was remarried to Eleanor Saynor (born in 1865 and died in 1939) at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1907.

Ellis worked as a Rag Grinder in 1911 and was listed as a boarder living with Benjamin and Mary Ann Oldroyd and their daughter, Edith (born in 1890 and died in 1959) at 62, Carlton Road, Dewsbury. On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1911 he married Edith Oldroyd at a Methodist Church in Dewsbury. They had a daughter, Mary, born 31<sup>st</sup> August 1912 and lived at 37, Pyrah Street, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in Dewsbury into the South Staffordshire Regiment with the Service Number 28603 transferring to the 26<sup>th</sup> Company Labour Corps serving as Private 15232. He was killed in action near Menin (now Menen) in Belgium on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1918; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ellis was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Ellis is also 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

**Ellis Walker**

15232, 26th Coy., Labour Corps who died on 08 November 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Tyne Cot Memorial**



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