



## **Percy Sheard**

### **1896-1922**

Percy was born in Birkenshaw on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1896. His mother was Harriet Emma Sheard who was born in Outwood near Wakefield in 1872 and died in 1980. She was married at St. James Church, Tong, Bradford on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1899 to Smith Ormondroyd, a Coal Miner born in Holbeck, Leeds in 1874 and died in 1931.

Their children who were half-siblings to Percy were; Edith Annie, born in 1899 and died in 1900, Rementa, born in 1901, George Arthur, born in 1902 and died in 1904, Angus, born in 1904 and Walter, born in 1908.

On the 1901 Census the family were living at Allan Croft, Birkenshaw near Bradford and in 1911 at Briestfield where Percy's occupation was shown as a coal haulier underground.

Percy was married to Elizabeth Issott (born in 1895 and died in 1974) on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1919 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill. They had two children; Jack Wormald, born in 1920 and Gladys Mary, born in 1921 and died in 1929. Elizabeth was remarried in 1936 to a widower with five children, Harold Harper (born in 1893 and died in 1950).

He served as Private 2659 in the Royal Munster Fusiliers and was sent to the Balkans on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1915 and was discharged on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1919. Percy was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His home address at the time of his death was 93, Sunset View, Overthorpe Road, Thornhill Lees; his occupation was a Colliery Byeworker.

He died at Whitley Sanatorium on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1922 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Exhaustion and Heart Failure caused by war service. He was buried in Thornhill (St. Michael) Churchyard.

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

He is one of six men named on the above who are not recorded as official war casualties due to their date of death being after the official Commonwealth War Graves Commission cut-off date of 31<sup>st</sup> August 1921.