



George Day 1886 – 1915

George was born in Dewsbury on 28th October 1886 and was baptised All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 22nd May 1889. His father was Ben Day, a Coal Miner born in Kirkburton in 1848 and died in 1895. His mother was Emily Ann (nee Bottomley) born in Dewsbury in 1861 and died in 1923. They were married at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr on 18th April 1881. Emily Ann is recorded as *Elizabeth Ann* on the marriage record.

The 1911 census records that Emily Ann declared a total of 10 children, of whom 8 survived. Other children who could be traced were; Emma, born in Batley Carr in 1881, Joseph, born in Dewsbury in 1884, Harry, born in Dewsbury in 1889, Willie, born in Dewsbury in 1891, Walter, born in 1894 and died in 1894 and Ben, born in 1895.

Emily Ann had a son; Thomas Rothery Day, born in 1899. She was remarried in 1908 to Tom Coldwell.

Ben was previously married in 1873 to Sarah Ann Walker (born in 1847 and died in 1877). They had two daughters; Jane Ann, born in 1874 and Eliza Ann, born in 1877.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at 112, Westgate, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 19, Albion Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 21, Carlisle Street, Dewsbury.

George worked as a Coal Miner. He had tried to join the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in January 1906, but the attestation was cancelled due to lack of suitable character references being provided. A page in his service record after his death records an Ada Wood as his unmarried wife, living at No 2 Court, 4, Dale Street, Batley Carr, Batley; she was awarded a pension as his dependant from April 1916.

He enlisted 3rd September 1914 serving as Private 3/4725 in the 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment and was sent to the Western Front on 24th February 1915. He was killed in action on 8th May 1915 at Hill 60, near Ypres; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. George was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave.

George 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
George Day

3/4725, 1st Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 08 May 1915

Remembered with Honour
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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