



Harry Simpson

1881 – 1915

Harry was born in Ossett in 1881. His father was Henry Simpson, a Rag Grinder born in Ossett in 1836 and died in 1908. His mother was Ann (nee Oldroyd) born in Ossett in 1838 and died in 1891. They were married on 18th March 1860 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Sarah, born in 1861, Jane, born in 1863, Ada, born in 1866, Mary, born in 1868, Emily, born in 1870 and died in 1870, Etty/Ettie, born in 1875 and Emily, born in 1877.

On the 1871 and 1881 Census Records the family lived at Little Town End, Ossett, in 1891 and 1901 at 5, Yard Two, Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley.

In 1911 Harry was living with the family of his sister Emily (now Mrs Thomas Oldfield Webb) at 29, Gladstone Street, Westtown, Dewsbury. His occupation is recorded as a Card Cleaner and he worked for Messrs Samuel Firth and Sons, Hebble Mills, Thornhill Lees.

Harry was educated at Staincliffe Church School and was a member of the Young Men's Bible Class at Christ Church, Staincliffe and also a playing member of the Cricket Club. He was married in 1914 in Dewsbury to Alice Cass (born in 1880 and died in 1919) they did not have any children

He enlisted on 5th September 1914 in the 7th Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 16546. He was stationed at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth, Hampshire where his Battalion were training on Salisbury Plain. He died in Tidworth Military Hospital on 12th April 1915 from cerebro-spinal fever and was buried in Tidworth Military Cemetery. Harry did not receive any medal awards as he did not serve overseas.

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain. During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen are scattered throughout the cemetery.

Harry 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 St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of

Private

H Simpson

16546, 7th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 12 April 1915 Age 33

Husband of the late Alice Simpson.

Remembered with Honour

Tidworth Military Cemetery



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