



Lewis Harold Lumb

1883-1919

Lewis was born in Earlsheaton on 17th August 1883 and baptised on 4th October 1883 at Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Chapel, Daisy Hill, Dewsbury. His father was David Lumb, a self-employed Blacksmith and Wheelwright born in Ossett in 1858 and died in 1934. His mother was Mary (Polly) (nee Howroyd) born in Stanley near Wakefield in 1861 and died in 1936. They were married on 26th April 1881 at Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Chapel.

Their other children were; Edith, born in 1882, Alice, born in 1888 and died in 1913, Elsie, born in 1892, Mabel Gertrude, born in 1897 and Lilian, born in 1899.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Old Bank, Earlsheaton, in 1901 at Wakefield Road, Earlsheaton and in 1911 at Oaklyn Cottage, Wakefield Road, Earlsheaton.

Lewis was educated at Dewsbury Parish Church Day School and was a Bellringer at the Church for many years. He was married on 1st October 1917 to Gertrude Isabel Rhodes (born 22nd December 1888 and died in 1961) at the Upper Independent Chapel, High Street, Heckmondwike. They lived at her family's home at Southfield, Bunkers Lane, Staincliffe, Batley and did not have any children. Gertrude was remarried in 1931 to Mark Archer (born in 1878 and died in 1954); she remarried again in 1958 to a Frank Fisher.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in October 1915 serving as Private M2/136016, Mechanical Transport, Royal Army Service Corps and later attached to 291st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. He was reported to have seen a great deal of heavy fighting and been wounded with shrapnel on one occasion. On 30th January 1919 he was admitted to the 18th Casualty Clearing Station at Doullens, France and died of influenza and pneumonia (Spanish Flu) on 4th February 1919; he was buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No. 2, Somme, France. Lewis was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Doullens is a town in the Department of the Somme, approximately 30 kilometres north of Amiens on the road to Arras. The 18th Casualty Clearing Station was based at Doullens from 18th November 1918 to May 1919. The Communal Cemetery Extension No.2 contains 374 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Lewis 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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the Oak Panel Memorial in Christ Church, Staincliffe and on the Batley War Memorial and on the Dewsbury Parish Church School Memorial, School Street, Dewsbury, now the Howland Centre and in the Central Council of Church Bell-Ringers Memorial Book.

In Memory of

Private

Lewis Harold Lumb

M2/136016, Mechanical Transport, Royal Army Service Corps who died on 04 February 1919 Age 34

Son of David and Polly Lumb, of Oakland Cottage, Dewsbury; husband of Gertrude Isabel Lumb, of Southfield, Staincliffe, Batley, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No.2



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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