



Herbert Hunter MC

1889-1918

Herbert was born in Dewsbury on 13th April 1889. His father was John Hunter, a Tailor born in Newmarchar, Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1846 and died in 1921. His mother was Elizabeth Ann (nee Charlton) born in Barnsley in 1850 and died in 1914. They were married in Wakefield in 1872.

Their other children were; John Alexander Burgess, born in Wakefield in 1873, Bertha Mary, born in Wakefield in 1875. Ellen Burgess, born in Huddersfield in 1878, Alexander Jubb, born in Dewsbury in 1881, Charlton, born in Dewsbury in 1883. Annie, born in Dewsbury in 1886 and Joseph, born in Dewsbury in 1891. Joseph served in the Coldstream Guards from 1909 and from the outbreak of World War 1; he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in 1914 but was badly wounded and later discharged on 2nd October 1915. Charlton served in the Northumberland Fusiliers from 1918 to 1919.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Back Cliff Street, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 8, Wood Street, Dewsbury and in 1901 at 35, South Street, Dewsbury.

Herbert was educated at Dewsbury Parish Church School; his occupation is not known prior to his enlistment in 1909. He was married to Nellie Fox (born in Germany in 1889 and died in 1968) on 13th November 1915 at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury. They lived at 5, Cross Bank Street, Highgate, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in 1908 joining the Scots Guards and at the outbreak of the War he was sent to the Western Front as Serjeant 7324 in the 1st Battalion; he fought at Mons and was soon recognised as officer material and he was sent home to study for a commission which he received and was promoted in one step from 2nd Lieutenant to Temporary Captain and was attached to the 6th Battalion of The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). He was awarded the Military Cross for his work between 8th and 30th August 1918, the citation being published in the London Gazette on 1st February 1919. He had returned from leave only three weeks before he was wounded near Saint-Armand, France on 23rd October 1918 and died later that day in the 24th (1st Wessex) Field Hospital; he was buried in Saint-Armand Communal Cemetery but in 1923 his remains were reburied in Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas-de-Calais, France. In addition to the Military Cross, Herbert was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp and Roses, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery contains more than 7,650 burials of the First World War, over half of which remain unidentified.

Herbert 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 from the now demolished St. Philip's Church now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of

Captain

Herbert Hunter

M C

6th Bn., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) who died on 23 October 1918 Age 28

Husband of Nellie Hunter, of 5, Cross Bank St., Highgate, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez



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