



## **Harry Greenwood**

### **1899-1918**

Harry was born in Wakefield on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1899. His father was Albert Greenwood, a Professional Musician born in Kirkheaton in 1871 and died in 1910. His mother was Anne/Annie (nee Shiels) born in Huddersfield in 1870 and died in 1937. They were married in St. Peter's Church, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1894.

Their other children were; Jesse, born in Huddersfield in 1895 and Florence, born in Wakefield in 1897.

On the 1901 census the family were living at 36, Milton Street, Wombwell, In 1911 Harry and Florence are living their uncle and aunt Joseph Henry and Agnes Greenwood at the Crown and Cushion Inn, 61, Bradford Road, Dewsbury and later at 21, Hartley Street, Dewsbury.

Harry was a single man who worked in the finishing department at Messrs G and J Stubley Limited, Bottoms Woollen Mill, Batley; he was attached to Batley Carr Wesleyan Church and Sunday school.

He enlisted in Dewsbury into the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 62713 and was sent to the Western Front in July 1918; he sustained a shrapnel wound and was hospitalised for a time but recovered and returned to the front. He was killed in action in northern France on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1918 and was buried in Poix-du-Nord Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Harry was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Poix-du-Nord is a village about 66 kilometres south-east of Lille and 8 kilometres south of Le Quesnoy. The Cemetery is on the northern side of the village on the road leading to Ghissignies. The Extension is on the north side of the Communal Cemetery. The village of Poix-du-Nord was captured in the latter part of October 1918. It was later "adopted" by the Borough of Keighley. The Extension was made after the capture of the village, and increased after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from Escarmain Communal Cemetery Extension. There are now nearly 100, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Harry is 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

## H Greenwood

62713, 9th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 24 October 1918 Age 18

Son of the late Albert and Annie Greenwood.

Remembered with Honour  
Poix-Du-Nord Communal Cemetery Extension



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
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