



Harvey Dunford

1895-1918

Harvey was born in Savile Town, Dewsbury on 16th October 1895 and baptised on 17th November 1895 at St. Mary's Church, Savile Town. His father was John Henry Dunford, a Cloth Fuller born in Thornhill in 1866 and died in 1930. His mother was Annice (nee Riley) born in Chickenley in 1867 and died in 1945. They were married on 18th May 1893 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees. Harvey was their only child.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Station Road, Earlsheaton, in 1911 at 1, Ellis's Row, Trinity Street, Batley Carr, and later at 9, Walkers Mount, Warwick Road, Batley Carr.

Harvey was a single man who was educated at Earlsheaton Church of England School and attended St. Peter's Church, and later Purlwell School and St. Andrew's Church, Purlwell where he was a member of the choir. He was employed as a Textile Worker at Messrs Henry Fenton and Sons, Savile Town and later in the Milling Department at Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons Limited, Calder Mills, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in 1915 in Harrogate serving as Private 12/2139 in the 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He first saw service in Salonika and was sent to the Western Front in July 1918. He was killed in action in the Aisne Region of France on 3rd October 1918 when his battalion were ordered to capture an enemy objective named Prospect Hill, between Bony and Gouy; he was buried in Gouy British Cemetery which was in the hamlet of Rue-Neuve (or Rue-du-Moulin). In 1930 his remains were reburied along with 127 others in Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery, Somme, France. Harvey was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Templeux-le-Guerard is a village 26 kilometres east of Peronne. The village was taken early in April 1917, lost on the 21st March 1918, and retaken by the 15th Suffolks of the 74th (Yeomanry) Division on the following 18th September. Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery was begun by the 59th Division in April 1917, and carried on by other units until August 1917, and again in September and October 1918. After the Armistice, a further 360 graves were brought in from the battlefields of April 1917 and March and September 1918 surrounding the village and in 1930 more British graves were brought in. There are now over 750, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly a quarter are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 16 soldiers from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them.

Harvey 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 Memorial Plaque in St. Andrews Church, Purlwell, Batley and on the Batley War Memorial.

In Memory of

Private

Harvey Dunford

12/2139, 1st Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 03 October 1918 Age 22

Son of John Henry and Annice Dunford, of 9, Walker's Mount, Batley, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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