



James Henry Leather

1895-1920

James was born in Dewsbury on 22nd November 1895 and baptised at St John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 1st January 1896. His father was Edward Leather, a Coal Miner born in Kendal, Westmoreland in 1863 and died in 1939. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Eatch), born in Gomersal near Leeds in 1866 and died in 1940. They were married in 1892.

They had one more child; a daughter, Edith, born 4th August 1894.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 16, Gladstone Street, Dewsbury.

James was a single man who in 1911 was a Hairdresser's Assistant and later a Cloth Finisher.

He enlisted on 18th July 1916 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and on 7th October was transferred to the East Yorkshire Regiment; on 30th June 1917 to the Employment Company of the Labour Corps and on 4th October 1918 to the 377th Company. On 27th October 1919 he was transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps serving as Private S/452905 and was posted to the Base Supply Depot at Antwerp in Belgium. On 21st March 1920 he was transferred into the "Z" Class Army Reserve and returned home but he died shortly afterwards on 1st May 1920 from Bright's disease (Acute Nephritis) and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. James did not qualify for any medal awards as he served at home during the war and only served overseas after the Armistice.

James 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

J H Leather

S/452905, Royal Army Service Corps who died on 01 May 1920 Age 24

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury Cemetery



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