



John Edward Oates

1893 – 1915

John was born in Dewsbury on 27th October 1893. His father was Milner Oates, a Coal Miner born in Batley Carr in 1868 and died in 1943. His mother was Martha Elizabeth (nee Scott) born in Earlsheaton in 1871 and died in 1919. They were married on 26th December 1892 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Minerva, born in Normanton in 1903, and Blanche, born in Normanton in 1907.

On the 1891, 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 33, Park Road, Normanton and later at 20, Eightlands Road, Dewsbury.

John worked in a coal mine as a Pony Driver below ground.

He attested at Ossett into the Territorial Force of the 4th Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in January 1914 with the Service Number 1992 and then joined the 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment on 24th March 1914 serving as Private 10507. He was sent to the Western Front on 26th October 1914 and was killed in action on 9th August 1915 at Hooze near Ypres. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. John was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His death was not officially confirmed until 9th April 1916.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave.

John is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Normanton War Memorial.

In Memory of

Private

John Edward Oates

10507, 2nd Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 09 August 1915 Age 21

Son of Milner and Martha E. Oates, of 20, Eightlands Rd., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

OATES J. E.