



Henry Ellis **1891 – 1915**

Henry was born in West Ardsley in 1891. His mother was Harriet Hannah Ellis, born in Ossett in 1873 and died in 1920.

Harriet was married to Walter Burton, a Coal Miner (born in West Ardsley in 1868 and died in 1921) at St. Mary's Church, Woodkirk on 21st March 1894.

Their children, who were half-siblings to Henry were; Annie Elizabeth, born in 1894 and died in 1894, Edward, born in 1895 and was killed in action on 19th July 1917, John William, born in 1898 and died of sickness on 8th November 1917, Robert, born in 1900 and died in 1919, Polly, born in 1902 and died in 1921, Hannah Elizabeth, born in 1907, David, born in 1909 and Arnold, born in 1913.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Westerton Road, West Ardsley, in 1911 at Farrah's Buildings, Albion Street, Ravensthorpe and later at 20, Queen Street, Thornhill Lees.

Henry attended St. Saviour's Boys School. He was married to Ethel Guest (born in Castleford in 1888 and died in 1935) at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 3rd June 1911, they lived at 71 Albion Street, Ravensthorpe and had a daughter, Harriet, born in 1913. Ethel was remarried in 1917 to Allen North (born in 1889 and died in 1954) at the United Methodist Church, Ravensthorpe on 17th November 1917.

He enlisted into the 7th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers serving as Private 2273. He served in the Gallipoli Campaign and died of wounds on 17th August 1915; he was part of an assault party which landed on Suvla Bay and continued to ascend Tekke Teppe Ridge, which the Turks thought to be unassailable. After fierce fighting, the force could penetrate no further and the commander resigned, as did his successor, leaving no one in command at this crucial point of the attack. On 15th August the Royal Munster Fusiliers reported 13 killed, 45 wounded and 7 missing. On 16th August, a further 19 were killed, 63 wounded and 12 were missing. He was buried at sea from the hospital ship, *HMS "Dunluce Castle"* and so he is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsular, Turkey. Henry received the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Helles Memorial serves the dual function of Commonwealth battle memorial for the whole Gallipoli campaign and place of commemoration for many of those Commonwealth servicemen who died there and have no known grave. The United Kingdom and Indian forces named on the memorial died in operations throughout the peninsula, the Australians at Helles. There are also panels for those who were lost at sea, in one of the troopships sunk off Gallipoli. Over 20,000 names are commemorated on this memorial.

Henry 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St Saviour's Church and in Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918.

In Memory of

Private

Henry Ellis

2273, 7th Bn., Royal Munster Fusiliers who died on 17 August 1915

Remembered with Honour

Helles Memorial



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