



## Hubert Peace

### 1888 – 1915

Hubert was born in Thornhill on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1888. His father was William Peace, a Wood Sawyer born in Thornhill in 1860 and died in 1937. His mother was Ellen (nee Fisher) born in Flockton in 1871 and died in 1949. They were married at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1888.

Their other children were; Elsie, born in 1890, Edith Edna, born in 1892, James, born in 1895, Eunice, born in 1896, Florence Hildred, born in 1899, George, born in 1901 and died in 1903, Iris, born in 1903, Ida, born in 1906, Paul, born in 1908 and Phyllis, born in 1910.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Lees Moor Road, Thornhill Lees, in 1901 at Foxroyd Lane, Thornhill and in 1911 at The Ings, Thornhill.

On leaving school, Hubert worked as a Colliery Labourer above ground. He had joined the Militia and was part of the Dewsbury Division of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. On 9<sup>th</sup> August 1906 at Winchester, he enlisted in the King's Royal Rifle Corps giving his occupation as a Glass Hand, serving as Private 7248 and was stationed in India for three years. On his return to England, he was transferred to the Army Reserve on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1913. On his discharge papers, he was described as "*A very good man for work, very strong and always very obliging*". Hubert was married to Martha Denton (born in 1891 and died in 1970) at Holy Innocents Church on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1914; they had a son, Bruce William, born 15<sup>th</sup> November 1914. They lived at Crow Royd, Thornhill Lees and he worked as a Stonemason's Labourer at Ingham's Colliery. Martha was remarried on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1925 at Holy Innocents Church to Arthur Silvester (born in 1887 and died in 1945). They had a son, Peter Arthur, born in 1927.

He was recalled from the Reserves on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1914 into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps with his previous Service Number 7248 and rose to the rank of Lance Corporal. He was sent to the Western Front on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1915 and was killed in action on the First Day of the Battle of Loos on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915. He was buried in Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos, Pas-de-Calais, France. Hubert was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

An article in the Dewsbury Reporter published a letter from Private W. Argent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards, who wrote to Hubert's widow, saying; "*I feel so sorry to tell you that this man has been killed. I take it to be your husband, according to the correspondence, which was in his pocket. I have sent you one or two things I found on him, including his photo and that of the baby.*"

Loos-en-Gohelle is a village 5 kilometres north-west of Lens. The name "Dud Corner" is believed to be due to the large number of unexploded enemy shells found in the neighbourhood after the Armistice. The only burials here during hostilities were those of four Officers and one Private; the remainder of the graves were brought in later from isolated positions near Loos and to the North, and from certain small cemeteries. There are now nearly 2,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, only 684 are identified. The great majority of the dead buried here fell in the Battle of Loos 1915; but some were killed in succeeding years.

Hubert 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 War Memorial in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees and on the Thornhill Lees Wesleyan Methodist Church Memorial Plaque relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of  
Lance Corporal  
**H Peace**

7248, 2nd Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps who died on 25 September 1915

Remembered with Honour  
**Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos**



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