



Albert Jewsbury

1896 – 1915

Albert was born in Swinton, Lancashire in 1896. His father was also Albert Jewsbury, a Driver at an engineering company born in Stockport in 1872 and died in 1903. His mother was Edith (nee Hardman) born in Pendlebury, Lancashire in 1873 and died in 1943. They were married on 24th August 1895 at St. Peter's Church, Swinton.

Their other children were; May, born in 1897, Gladys, born in 1902 and Hilda, born in 1903.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 55, Wellington Road, Swinton.

Edith was re-married in 1907 to Frederick John Holloman (born in Henley, Oxfordshire in 1873 and died in 1960). In 1911 the family lived at 113, Cross Lane, Radcliffe, Lancashire. They moved to 30, Broomer Street, Ravensthorpe in 1912. They had six children; Edith, born in 1908, Frederick Thomas, born in 1910, Walter, born in 1914, twins Albert and Sidney born in 1916 and both died in 1917 and Mary, born in 1917.

Albert was a single man whose occupation on the 1911 census was given as a Telegraph Messenger. He subsequently worked with his step-father at the Yorkshire Electric Power Company, as an Electric Power Cable Jointer. He was closely associated with St. Saviour's Parish Church in Ravensthorpe, where he was a member of the Bible Class, the Church Institute and the Young Men's Club.

He enlisted at Mirfield on 10th November 1914 serving as Private 3387 in the 1st/5th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) and was sent to the Western Front on 14th April 1915. He was shot in the head in Flanders by a sniper's bullet at 8.30am on 23rd October 1915, whilst manning the trenches and died instantly. He was buried in Talana Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Albert was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His mother and step-father were advised of his death by his commanding officer, Major Gilbert Norton, on 26th October 1915, and his friends, Albert Mason and Stanley Gawthorpe. He is buried in the next grave to George Hammond, who was also from Ravensthorpe, and both are buried close to the grave of Douglas Smith (real name Douglas Dekenzo). George mentioned both Albert and Douglas in his last letter home, as well as his friend Stanley Gawthorpe.

Talana Farm was one of a group of farm houses named by the army from episodes of the South African war. From Ieper (Ypres) the Cemetery is located on the road in the direction of Boezinge. The cemetery was begun by French troops in April 1915, then taken over by the 1st Rifle Brigade and 1st Somerset Light Infantry in June 1915, and was used by fighting units until March 1918. There are now 529 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery. 14 of the burials are unidentified and there are special memorials to six casualties whose graves in the cemetery could not be located and ten who are identified as a group, but not individually. It is probable that the cemetery contained other graves later destroyed by shell fire.

Albert 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of
Private
Albert Jewsbury

3387, 1st/5th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 23 October 1915 Age 19

Son of Mrs. Edith Holloman, of 30, Broomer St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Talana Farm Cemetery



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