



Herbert Hemingway

1896-1918

Herbert was born in Earlsheaton on 22nd December 1896. His father was William Hemingway, a Colliery Under Banksman and later a Pumpman born in Earlsheaton in 1867 and died in a work accident in 1903. His mother was Emma Amelia (nee Johnson) born in Flockton near Wakefield in 1873 and died in 1923. They were married at St. James Church, Flockton on 6th September 1891.

Their other children were; Hilda, born in 1892, Fred, born in 1895 and served in World War1, Arthur, born in 1899 and Agnes, born in 1902.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Syke Ing Terrace, Earlsheaton and in 1911 at 106, Providence Street, Earlsheaton.

William was previously married to Mary Jane Jessop (born in 1868 and died in 1890) on 22nd January 1887 at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett.

Herbert was a single man who was educated at Earlsheaton Church School and in 1911 was employed as a Coal Miner and later for Messrs Lyles and Sons, Yarn Spinners, Earlsheaton.

He enlisted in Dewsbury on 18th February 1916 serving as Private 302816 in the 13th Battalion Durham Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 6th June 1917. A newspaper report stated he had spent 18 months in Italy and France. He was killed in action near Beaurevoir in the Aisne Region of France on 5th October 1918 and was buried in Beaurevoir Communal Cemetery British Extension, Aisne, France. Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Beaurevoir is a village in the north-eastern corner of the Department of the Aisne, midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin. Beaurevoir Communal Cemetery is situated on the road in the direction of Montbrehain. The village of Beaurevoir was attacked by the 2nd Australia Division on 3rd October 1918, and taken by the 25th Division on the 5th. The Communal Cemetery British Extension was made by the 25th Division in October 1918. There are now nearly 100, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 10 are unidentified.

Herbert 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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton.

In Memory of

Private

H Hemingway

302816, 13th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 05 October 1918

Remembered with Honour

Beaurevoir Communal Cemetery British Extension



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