



## George Osborne

### 1894-1914

George was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire in 1894. His father was Thomas Osborne, a Steam Navvy (Shovel) Driver born in Idle, Bradford in 1872 and died in 1939. His mother was Mary (nee McCormick) born in Birkenhead, Cheshire in 1876 and died in 1952. They were married on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1892 at Lumb, near Rossendale, Lancashire.

Their other children were; Emily, born in Lumb in 1892, Rose, born in Croydon in 1898 and died in 1900, Florence, born in Haigh in 1901, Evelyn, born in Haigh in 1893 and Margaret, born in Dewsbury in 1908.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Swithen, Haigh, near Barnsley, in 1911 at 13, Back Barber Street, Dewsbury and later at 6, Brick Row, Dewsbury Moor.

George was a single man who worked as a Coal Miner upon leaving school.

He enlisted at Halifax on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1910 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards serving as Private 7592 and served for two years in Egypt. At the outbreak of war he was sent to the Western Front on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1914 and was wounded in October whilst acting as an orderly to an officer who was later killed; he was able to write home to his mother from his hospital bed. He was killed in action in the Ypres Salient on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1914. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. George was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Just prior to his death his mother had been visited by Serjeant Harry Hunter of the same regiment, who was home on leave; he (the Serjeant) had seen George just before his return to the firing line. His obituary in the Dewsbury Reporter on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1915 described him as: "*a handsome, well-built young fellow*"

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 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 and who have no known grave.

George's Effects were willed to a Miss Daisy Adelaide Waite (later Mrs. Daisy Dollery) which she received in 1919. She was born in Dunsden, Oxfordshire in 1890 and was married in 1915 to an Edwin Dollery and died in 1934. Her connection to George is not known.

George 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 War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of

Private

**George Osborne**

7592, 1st Bn., Scots Guards who died on 12 November 1914

Remembered with Honour

**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



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