



Ernest Ellis

1881-1918

Ernest was born in Dewsbury in 1881. His father was Henry Ellis, a cloth finisher born in Dewsbury in 1844 and died in 1891. His mother was Sarah (nee Walker) born in Dewsbury in 1844 and died in 1908. They were married in Dewsbury in 1862.

Their other children were; Charles Henry, born in 1864, Fred, born in 1866, William, born in 1868, John Edward, born in 1873, Arthur, born in 1875, George, born in 1878, Percy, born in 1884, Walker, born in 1885 and Lionel, born in 1887.

In 1871 the family lived at Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury, in 1881 at Fall Lane, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 6, Carr Street, Batley Carr and in 1901 at 9, Melton Street, Dewsbury.

Ernest was married to Annie Smith (born in 1879 and died in 1951) at All Saints Cathedral Church, Wakefield on 11th November 1899; they had two sons, Joseph William, born in 1900 and died in 1902 and Wilfred, born in 1901 and died in 1901. On the 1901 Census Annie is recorded as living at 72, Dale Street, Batley with 7 month old son Joseph. Ernest is recorded as a visitor at the home of his brother John and family at Shady Row, Marsden, Huddersfield. On the 1911 Census Ernest is living at Tong Buildings, Earlsheaton with Ada Dickinson (born in 1888 and died in 1959) She is listed on the census as Ada Ellis and they declared they had been married for 9 years; his occupation is recorded as a Gardener. They had two sons; Ernest Dickinson, born in 1913 and died in 1916 and Leonard Dickinson born in 1917. In 1922 Ada was married to a Harry Moffatt and had three more children.

In 1902 he enlisted as a volunteer in the militia, but in 1908, he re-attested as a special reservist in the 3rd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) with the Service Number 6794. In August 1914 he was mobilised for war and was sent to the Western Front with the 1st/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) on the 29th June 1915. At one stage he held the rank of Serjeant but was demoted to Private for disciplinary offences. He died of wounds in a Casualty Clearing Station at Haringhe in Belgian Flanders on 27th April 1918 and is buried in Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery. Ernest was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The cemetery is located 18 kilometres from Ieper (Ypres) town centre. Bandaghem, like Dozinghem and Mendinghem, were the popular names given by the troops to groups of casualty clearing stations posted to this area during the First World War. The cemetery site was chosen in July 1917 for the 62nd and 63rd Casualty Clearing Stations and burials from these and other hospitals (notably the 36th Casualty Clearing Station in 1918) continued until October 1918. The cemetery contains 772 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Ernest is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

Ernest Ellis

6794, 1st/7th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 27 April 1918 Age 37

Remembered with Honour

Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery



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