



Albert Edward Pizer

1896 – 1916

Albert was born in Hull in 1896. His father was Arthur Pizer, a Hull Corporation Meter Reader born in Hull in 1858 and died in 1938. His mother was Ada (nee Lee) born in Hull in 1860 and died in 1947. They were married in 1881.

Their other children were; Ada Mary, born in Hull 1884 and Herbert, born in Hull in 1886 and served in World War 1.

In 1901 the family was living in Durham Street, Southcoates, Hull and by 1911 they had moved to 72, Jalland Street, Southcoates, Hull; Arthur was recorded as disabled on this census. They moved to live at Island View, Dewsbury and later at “Westleigh” North Road, Ravensthorpe.

Albert was a single man who attended the Centenary Wesleyan Chapel in Dewsbury and worked in the milling department of Wormald and Walker’s Blanket Manufacturers but had been a clerk to a manufacturer of oil extracts in Hull.

He enlisted into the 8th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry on August 6th 1914 serving as Private 3/1493 and later became a Signaller but was attached to the battalion bombers on the day he died. He had home leave with his family from October 1915 until he was sent to the Western Front on 2nd December 1915. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916 during the First Day of the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Albert was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

Albert 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 Ravensthorpe Memorial in St. Saviour’s Parish Church and on the War Memorial on the outside wall of Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Church at the top of Daisy Hill.

In Memory of

Private

Albert Edward Pizer

3/1493, 10th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 01 July 1916 Age 20

Son of Arthur and Ada Pizer, of 98, North Rd., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks. Enlisted Aug., 1914.

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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PIZER A.E.