



Norman Henry Bright

1894 – 1915

Norman was born in Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire in 1894. His father was the Reverend William Henry Bright, born in Devonport, Devon in 1858 and died in 1931; on the 1911 Census he was the Minister at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Dewsbury. His mother was Amelia (nee Sleep) born in Devonport in 1858 and died in 1947. They were married in 1886.

Their other children were; Edgar Morley Martyn, born in 1887, Winifred Amelia born in 1888, William Raymond, born in 1895 and died in 1895.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at North Hill, Launceston, Cornwall, in 1901 at The Manse, Oxenhope near Keighley, in 1911 at North Park Street, Dewsbury and later at 190, Colwick Road, Sneinton, Nottingham, then 6, Crosby Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire.

Norman was a single man who was educated at Keighley Grammar School and West Leeds High School. He worked as a Bank Clerk at the Union of London and Smiths Bank in Lincoln.

He enlisted in Luton giving his residence as Worksop and served in 'D' Company, 1st/4th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment with the Service Number 2673 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He was sent to the Western Front on 1st September 1915. He died in No.1 Casualty Clearing Station at Chocques, France on 15th October 1915 from wounds sustained in the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt during the Battle of Loos; he was buried in Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Norman was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Chocques is a village 4 kilometres north-west of Bethune on the road to Lillers. It was occupied by Commonwealth forces from the late autumn of 1914 to the end of the war. The village was at one time the headquarters of I Corps and from January 1915 to April 1918, No.1 Casualty Clearing Station was posted there. Most of the burials from this period are of casualties who died at the clearing station from wounds received at the Bethune front. After the Armistice it was found necessary to concentrate into this Cemetery a large number of isolated graves plus some small graveyards from the country between Chocques and Bethune. Chocques Military Cemetery now contains 1,801 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 134 of them unidentified.

Norman is commemorated as *Norman Bright* on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Memorial Plaque from Moorlands Wesleyan Methodist Church, now stored in the Resource Centre at Batley Central Methodist Church.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal
Norman Henry Bright

2673, "D" Coy. 1st/4th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died on 15 October 1915 Age 21

Son of the Rev. William Henry and Amelia Bright, of 8, Crosby Rd., West Bridgford, Nottingham. Born at Ebbw Vale, Mon.
Educated at Keighley Grammar School and West Leeds High School. Clerk in the Union of London and Smith's Bank, Lincoln.

Remembered with Honour
Chocques Military Cemetery



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