



## **Walter Hazelwood**

### **1893-1918**

Walter was born in Earlsheaton on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1893 and baptised at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1894. His father was John Hazelwood, a miner born in Dudley Hill, Bradford in 1855 and died in 1912. His mother was Sarah Ann (nee Spencer) born in Seacroft, Leeds in 1857 and died in 1903. They were married on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1876 at St. Stephen's Church, Burmantofts, Leeds.

Their other children were; Emily, born in Leeds in 1879, Isaac, born in Leeds in 1881, Ethel, born in Earlsheaton in 1887 and Edith, born in Earlsheaton in 1888.

On the 1881 Census they lived at 31, Courtney Street, Leeds, in 1891 at Wakefield Road, Earlsheaton, in 1901 at Syke Lane End, Earlsheaton and in 1911 at 13, Marriott Street, Eastborough.

Walter was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School and worked as a Piecener at the woollen mill of Messrs J. Fenton and Sons, Batley Carr. Following the death of his parents he lived at the family home of his sister Ethel (now Mrs Willie Bailey) at 153, Moorend Lane, Staincliffe. He was a member of Batley Carr Working Men's Club.

He enlisted in 1915 into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Number 2381 but was later transferred into the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers serving as Private 202116 and was sent to the Western Front in June 1916. He was wounded in the head in France on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1917 and died in a Casualty Clearing Station at Grevillers on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1918. He was buried in Grevillers British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. Walter was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Grevillers is a village three kilometres west of Bapaume. The village occupied by Commonwealth troops on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1917 and in April and May, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Casualty Clearing Stations were posted nearby. They began the cemetery and continued to use it until March 1918, when Grevillers was lost to the German during their great advance. On the following 24<sup>th</sup> August, the New Zealand Division recaptured Grevillers and in September, the 34<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Stations came to the village and used the cemetery again. There are now 2,106 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Grevillers British Cemetery. 189 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 18 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

Walter is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library, both of which misspell his Surname as *Hazlewood* and on the War Memorial to former pupils of Eastborough School.

In Memory of  
Private  
**Walter Hazelwood**

202116, 4th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers who died on 03 January 1918 Age 24

Son of John and Sarah Ann Hazelwood.

Remembered with Honour  
**Grevillers British Cemetery**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
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