



William Taylor

1893-1918

William was born in Filey, Yorkshire in 1893. His father was George Taylor, a Journeyman Shoemaker born in Seamer near Scarborough around 1855 and died in 1928. His mother was Ellen Eliza (nee Tucker) born in London in 1856 and died in 1942. They were married in Filey in 1883.

Their other children were: Herbert, born in 1884, William, born in 1887 and died in 1888, Ernest, born in 1889 and served in World War 1, Frederick (Fred) born in 1891 and was killed in action on 14th April 1917 and Silas, born in 1896 and was killed in action on 3rd February 1917.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at 51, Clarence Parade, West Street, Filey and in 1911 at 10, Rutland Street, Filey where his mother Ellen is recorded as a Lodging House Keeper. They later lived at 7, Cromwell Avenue, Filey.

William was a single man who came to live and work in Dewsbury sometime between 1911 and 1916, when he enlisted. His brother Fred also enlisted in Dewsbury but does not feature on any local memorials. He was employed by Messrs W.H.Smith, Stationers in Northgate, Dewsbury. He was closely associated with the Wellington Road Primitive Chapel in Dewsbury and was a local preacher there, and also in Churches and Chapels of other sects. The Dewsbury Roll of Honour published in 1924 gives an address of Willans Road, Dewsbury but as William did not seem to have any family living in Dewsbury it is assumed that this was his address when he was working in the town.

He enlisted in 1916 into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Number 26902 and was later transferred into the 1st/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) serving as Private 307333. He was deployed as a Doctor's Orderly and was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 13th April 1918 when he was shot in the head by a machine gun bullet. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. William was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

William 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 on the outside wall of the Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Church at the top of Daisy Hill and on the War Memorial in St. Oswald's Church, Filey and on the Filey War Memorial.

In Memory of
Private
William Taylor

307333, 1st/7th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 13 April 1918 Age 25

Son of George and Ellen Taylor, of 7, Cromwell Avenue, Filey, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Tyne Cot Memorial



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