



## Walter Stonebridge

**1890-1918**

Walter was born in Hanging Heaton on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1890 and was baptised on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1890 at St. Cuthbert's Church, Doveridge, Derbyshire. His father was also Walter Stonebridge, a Railway Porter and later a Foreman Porter born in Blithfield, Staffordshire in 1865 and died in 1925. His mother was Pamela (nee Wainwright) born in Doveridge in 1865 and died in 1895. They were married in 1885 at St. George's Parish Church, Hanover Square, London.

Their other children were; William Henry, born in Lincoln in 1885, Hedley Thomas, born in Hanging Heaton in 1887, Charles, born in Hanging Heaton in 1893 and Pamela Dorothy, born in Hanging Heaton in 1895. All three brothers served in World War 1.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at Mill Lane, Hanging Heaton

Walter Snr. was remarried on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1898 to Mary Jane Pleasance (born in 1874 and died in 1949) at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury. They had four children; Frances Jane, born in 1900, Robert Edward, born in 1902, Arthur, born in 1904 and Edith, born in 1910 and died in 1910.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 16, Kiln Croft, Dewsbury.

Walter was a single man who in 1911 worked as a Hoist Man.

He enlisted in Leeds in the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) with the Service Number 11696 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1918; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Walter was awarded the 1914-15 Star, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

In Memory of  
Lance Corporal

**Walter Stonebridge**

11697, 1st/7th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 16 April 1918

Remembered with Honour  
**Tyne Cot Memorial**



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