



Robert Blackburn Schofield

1897-1918

Robert was born in Dewsbury on 11th October, 1897 and baptised on 25th November 1897 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury. His father was John William Schofield, a Dyer's Labourer born in Flushdyke, Ossett in 1874 and died 1936. His mother was Ann Elizabeth (nee Day) born in Dewsbury in 1874. They were married at St. Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury on 13th December 1896.

Their other children were; Ethel, born in 1901, Joseph, born in 1906 and died in 1906 and Fred, born in 1909.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 19, Elmwood Street, Dewsbury.

Robert was a single man who was educated at Dewsbury Parish Church School and was connected with St. James's Mission Church, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. He worked as a Piecer for Messrs Mark Day and Company, Hoyle Head Mills, Earlsheaton.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in August 1916 Serving as Private 34143 in "Y" Company 6th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front near the end of that same year. In April 1918 he was badly wounded in the head and legs in France and died in No. 2 Canadian General Hospital at Le Treport on 28th April 1918; he was buried in Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, Seine-Maritime, France. Robert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His family received the news of his death in a letter from the Rev. W.H. Cassop, the Hospital Chaplain, stating that; *"He came into this hospital badly wounded, there was no hope for him from the first being so badly wounded in the head and legs I don't think he suffered much. He was manly and brave to the end."*

Le Treport is a small seaport 25 kilometres north-east of Dieppe. During the First World War, Le Treport was an important hospital centre and by July 1916, the town contained three general hospitals (the 3rd, 16th and 2nd Canadian), No.3 Convalescent Depot and Lady Murray's B.R.C.S. Hospital. The 7th Canadian, 47th and 16th USA General Hospitals arrived later, but all of the hospitals had closed by March 1919. As the original military cemetery at Le Treport filled, it became necessary to use the new site at Mont Huon. There are now 2,128 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery.

Robert is 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 from Dewsbury Parish Church School and as *R. Schofield* on the War Memorial from St. James's Church now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of

Private

Robert Blackburn Schofield

34143, "Y" Coy. 6th Rn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 28 April 1918 Age 20

Son of John William and Ann Elizabeth Schofield, of 19, Elmwood Street, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport



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