



## **Patrick Joseph Kelly**

### **1889-1918**

Patrick was born in Westtown, Dewsbury on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1889. His father was Thomas Kelly, a Bricklayers Labourer born in County Roscommon, Ireland around 1859 and died in 1932. His mother was Bridget (nee McCloughlin) born in Killasser, County Mayo, Ireland around 1861 and died in 1899. They were married at St. Patricks Roman Catholic Chapel, Heckmondwike on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1883.

Their other children were; John Joseph, born in 1883, Ellen, born in 1886 and died in 1891, Martin, born in 1892 and was killed in action 17<sup>th</sup> August 1916, Mary Ellen, born in 1894, William, born in 1897 and Honoria (Annie), born in 1899 and died in 1899.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 76, Thornton Road, Dewsbury, in 1901 Thomas was a boarder with his sister and brother-in-law Ellen and Christopher Carroll at 108, Thornton Road, his existing children have not been found on that year's census, in 1911 he is living with sons Martin and William at 10, Titus Hill, Westtown.

Patrick was educated at St. Paulinus School and attended Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, where he was married on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1910 to Anna Duggan (born Ballinasloe, County Galway, Ireland around 1890 and died in 1964). They had three children; Norah Alice, born in 1910, Ellen, born in 1912 and died in 1914 and Thomas, born in 1914. In 1911 he worked as a Bricklayers Labourer and later at Thornhill Iron and Steel Works, they lived at 1, Ingham Road, Westtown and later at 90, High Street, Westtown. Anna was remarried on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1922 to Robert Mitchell (born in 1884 and died in 1953); they had five children.

He enlisted in March 1915 into the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Connaught Rangers serving as Private 5406, he was sent to the Dardanelles in September 1915 but was soon posted to Salonica, Greece in October supporting the Balkan Campaign; he was hospitalised in Malta suffering from wounds and fever and upon recovery went with his battalion to Egypt to fight in Palestine; in June 1918 the battalion landed in Marseilles to fight on the Western Front. He was killed in action near Beaurevoir, France on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1918 and is buried in Beaurevoir Communal Cemetery British Extension, Aisne, France. Patrick was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Beaurevoir is a village in the north-eastern corner of the Department of the Aisne, midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin. It was attacked by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Division on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1918, and taken by the 25<sup>th</sup> Division on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There are now nearly 100, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 10 are unidentified.

Patrick 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 in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church and on Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918.

In Memory of

Private

**P J Kelly**

5406, 5th Bn., Connaught Rangers who died on 08 October 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Beaurevoir Communal Cemetery British Extension**



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