



## **Alfred Charles Morris**

### **1895-1918**

Alfred was born in Bewdley, Worcestershire in 1895. His father was Thomas Morris, a Labourer born in Rock, Worcestershire in 1860 and died in 1908. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Dalloway) born in Kidderminster, Worcestershire in 1865 and died in 1935. They were married in 1883.

Their other children were; Mary Alice Ellen, born in 1883 and died in 1888, twins Elizabeth, born in 1886, Thomas, born in 1886 and died in 1914 whilst serving in the Royal Navy just prior to the outbreak of World War 1, Maria, born in 1887, Mary Jane, born in 1889, Ellen, born in 1891, George Henry, born in 1894 and died in 1895, Harold, born in 1898 and served in World War 1, Albert, born in 1899 and died in 1900, May, born in 1901, Percy, born in 1903, and Frank, born in 1906.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Hemming Street, Kidderminster, in 1901 at 26, Chapel Street, Kidderminster, in 1911 at Beauregard Street, Heckmondwike and later at 19, Woodbine Street, Flatts, Dewsbury.

Alfred was a single man who attended Wellington Road Primitive Chapel and Sunday school and was employed by Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Son, Spinkwell Mills, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in May 1915 into the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) with the Service Number 21051, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal; he was sent to the Western Front later that same year and in the summer of 1917 he was wounded in the knee. Later in 1917 his family received notification that he had been killed in action, but this was soon corrected to say that he was missing; his mother then received a letter from him during that week to say that he had been buried for two days following a shell explosion but was uninjured apart from a slight bruise on his back caused by a spade as he was being dug out. He was killed in action in France on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1918, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France. Alfred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Vis-en-Artois and Haucourt are villages on the straight main road from Arras to Cambrai. The Memorial is the back drop to the Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery, which is west of Haucourt on the north side of the main road. It bears the names of over 9,000 men of the forces of Great Britain and Ireland and South Africa; who fell in the period from 8<sup>th</sup> August 1918 to the date of the Armistice in the Advance to Victory in Picardy and Artois, between the Somme and Loos, and who have no known grave. Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces being commemorated on other memorials to the missing.

Alfred is also commemorated as *Alfred Morris* 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  
**Alfred Morris**

21051, 10th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 15 August 1918

Remembered with Honour  
**Vis-En-Artois Memorial**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

