



## **John Stanley**

### **1898-1918**

John was born in Dewsbury on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1898. His father was also John Stanley, a Mason's Labourer born in Ireland around 1869 and died in 1931. His mother was Catherine (nee Delaney) born around 1871 and died in 1901. They were married at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Dewsbury on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1894.

Their other children were; Bridget, born in 1896 and Edward, born in 1900 and died in 1900.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records, the family lived at 18, Back New Street, Westtown, Dewsbury.

John was a single man who was educated at St. Paulinus School and was a regular attendee at the Church; he was employed by Messrs Wormald and Walker, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in Wakefield on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1916 serving as Private 202729 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front in April 1917. He was killed in action in France on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1918, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Haucourt, Pas-de-Calais, France. John 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.

John 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 in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

**John Stanley**

202729, 5th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 12 September 1918 Age 20

Only son of John and Kate Stanley, of 13, Back New St., West Town, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

**Vis-En-Artois Memorial**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

