



Luther Roebuck

1887-1918

Luther was born in Batley Carr in 1887. His father was Heber Roebuck, a Flock Dealer born in Thurlstone, Yorkshire in 1846 and died in 1922. His mother was Sarah Ellen (nee Hinchliffe) born in Thurlstone in 1845 and died in 1917. They were married on 31st December 1881 at St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Penistone, Yorkshire.

Their other children were; Ada Ann, born in 1882, Mary Ellen, born in 1889 and died in 1911 and John, born in 1891 and died in 1891.

On the 1891, 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 6, Mill Road, Batley Carr.

Luther was a single man who worked for Mr. J. Jubb, Clothier at the Corporation Street entrance to Dewsbury Arcade, rising to the position of Shop Manager. He was a member of Dewsbury Liberal Club.

He enlisted on 9th March 1915 at Newcastle-upon-Tyne and was mobilised on 7th March 1917 serving as Gunner 221885 in the 1st Division Ammunition Column Royal Field Artillery. He was sent to the Western Front in July 1917 and was badly wounded in the head on 13th August that same year during action at Nieuport (now Nieuwpoort) on the Belgian coast. Despite intensive hospital treatment he was discharged on 18th December and returned to England for further treatment at Keighley. He returned to his former occupation, although his health was never the same. He died from an Epileptic Seizure and pressure on the brain on 10th June 1918 at his family home in Mill Road. Luther was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

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

For some unknown reason he was not recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a War Casualty. In late November 2015 Dewsbury Sacrifices forwarded his records and death certificate to the relevant authorities and on 10th February 2016 he was added to the records.

In Memory of

Gunner

Luther Roebuck

221885, 1st Div. Ammunition Col., Royal Field Artillery who died on 10 June 1918 Age 31

Son of Heber and Sarah Ellen Roebuck of Batley Carr, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury Cemetery



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