



Alfred Bellamy

1896-1918

Alfred was born in Dewsbury Moor on 5th July 1896. His father was George William Bellamy, a Teamer born in Wakefield in 1871 and died in 1909. His mother was Ada (nee Wilson) born in Dewsbury in 1871 and died in 1919. They were married on 1st February 1896 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

They had another son, Walter, born in 1902.

Ada had a son, John Wilson, born in 1892.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 12, Gladstone Street, Dewsbury, in 1911 and later at 7, Russell Street, Westborough, Dewsbury.

Alfred was a single man who was educated at Dewsbury Moor Council School and attended Westborough United Methodist Sunday school; he worked as a Shiner in the Boot Company of Messrs Jas. France and Son, Savile Town, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in June 1915 into the King's Own Scottish Borderers with the Service Number 20351 and later transferred to the 1st (Garrison) Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders serving as Private S/15500; being sent to the Salonica Campaign in Greece in July 1916. He died from Bronchial Pneumonia and Influenza (Spanish flu) in hospital at Salonika (now Thessalonika) on 21st September 1918 and was buried in Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece. Alfred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Mikra British Cemetery is situated in the Municipality of Kalamaria in the city of Thessaloniki. In August 1916, a Greek revolution broke out at Salonika, with the result that the Greek national army came into the war on the Allied side. The town was the base of the British Salonika Force and it contained, from time to time, eighteen general and stationary hospitals. Three of these hospitals were Canadian, although there were no other Canadian units in the force. The British cemetery at Mikra was opened in April 1917, remaining in use until 1920; it was greatly enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from a number of burial grounds in the area. The cemetery now contains 1,810 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

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

In Memory of

Private

A Bellamy

S/15500, 1st (Garr.) Bn., Seaforth Highlanders who died on 21 September 1918

Son of George William and Ada Bellamy, of Westborough, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria



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