



## **Charles Herbert Kinley**

### **1895-1918**

Charles Herbert, known by his middle name was born in Dewsbury on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1895 and baptised on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1895 at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury. His father was Thomas Kinley, a General Labourer and later a Coal Miner born in Bishop Auckland, County Durham in 1854 and died in 1913; he had served for fourteen years in the Royal Marines Light Infantry. His mother was Mary (nee Machell) born in Dewsbury in 1867 and died in 1923. They were married at St. Philip's Church on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1886.

Their other children were; Florence, born in 1886 and died in 1892, Sarah Ellen, born in 1887 and died in 1887, Lily Beatrice, born in 1888, Bertha, born in 1889 and died in 1892, John Henry, born in 1890 and served in World War 1, Walter, born in 1891 and died in 1917, George William, born in 1893 and died in 1904, Amy, born in 1896, Frank Bertie, born in 1898, Arthur Leonard, born in 1901 and Dorothy May, born in 1908.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 2, Ann Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 14, John Street, Eastborough, in 1911 at 70, Bradford Road, Dewsbury and later at 70, Battye Street, Dewsbury.

Herbert was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School and attended Salem United Methodist Church and Sunday school in Northgate, Dewsbury. He started work as a Soap Boiler but later worked for Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons at Calder Mills.

He enlisted in August 1915 into the Yorkshire Regiment with the Service Number 23248 and was later transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment serving as Private 23418. He was killed in action near Saint-Quentin in France on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1918 and was buried in the Churchyard in the small village of Bernes, just over the border of the Somme Region. His remains were reburied on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1919 in Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France, about 5.5 Kms from his original burial place. Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Roisel is a small town 11 kilometres east of Peronne. It was occupied by British troops in April 1917, and evacuated after a strong defence by the 66<sup>th</sup> (East Lancashire) Division on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1918. It was retaken in the following September. Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension was developed in October and November 1918, by the 41<sup>st</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Stations, and it was completed after the Armistice by the concentration of British and German graves from the country North, East and South of Roisel. There are now 878, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, 120 are unidentified.

Herbert 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 Memorial Plaque to former pupils of Eastborough School and on the Memorial Plaque from the Salem United Methodist Church, now stored in the Resource Centre at Batley Central Methodist Church and as *C H Kinley* on the War Memorial from the now demolished St. Philip's Church now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of

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**H Kinley**

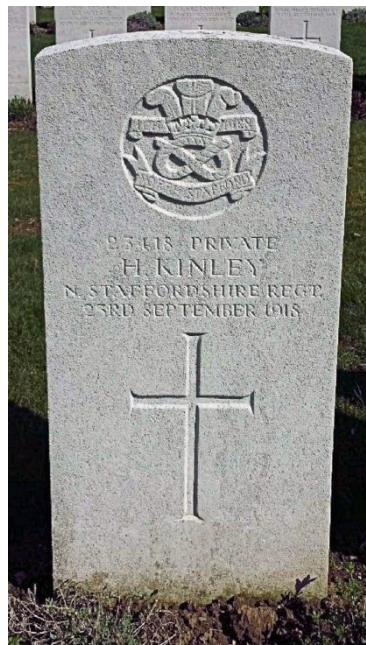
23418, 1st/6th Bn., North Staffordshire Regiment who died on 23 September 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
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