



Anthony Maguire

1894-1918

Anthony was born in Westtown, Dewsbury on 23rd March 1894. His father was Denis Maguire, a Willeyer born in Dewsbury in 1872 and died in 1917. His mother was Catherine (nee Griffin) born in Dewsbury in 1872 and died in 1946. They were married at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Dewsbury on 25th June 1892.

Their other children were; Julia Ann, born in 1892 and died in 1892, James, born 1895 and was killed in action 10th November 1917, Thomas, born in 1898 and served in World War 1, Mary, born in 1901, Dennis, born in 1903, John, born in 1905 and Catherine, born in 1909.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 4, Asylum Road, Westtown.

Anthony was a single man who was educated at St. Paulinus School and was a regular attendee at the Church and the Catholic Young Men's club. He worked as a Piecener in the woollen mill of Messrs Henry Hamer and Sons in Ravensthorpe.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in early 1917 into the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) with the Service Number 5626 and later transferred to the 1st/5th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment serving as Private 242154. In July 1917 he was wounded and gassed and after returning home to recuperate he did not return to the Western Front until April 1918. He was killed in action in France on 23rd 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. Anthony 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 8th 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.

Anthony 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

Anthony Maguire

242154, 1st/5th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 23 September 1918

Remembered with Honour

Vis-En-Artois Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

