



Edward Kaye

1897-1918

Edward was born in Thornhill on 15th October 1897 and was baptised at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill on 20th November 1897. His father was Lister Kaye, a Coal Miner born in Overton near Wakefield in 1874 and died in 1968. His mother was Annie (nee Oates) born in Thornhill in 1871 and died in 1950. They were married on 14th January 1897 at St. Michael and All Angels Church.

Their other children were; Dorothy, born in 1902 and Harold, born in 1907.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Combs Top, Thornhill and in 1911 at 9, Darley Terrace, Overthorpe Road, Thornhill.

Edward was a single man who was educated at Thornhill Church Day School and attended the Sunday school where he later became a teacher. He worked as an apprentice for Messrs Joshua Marshall and Company, musical instrument retailers, Northgate, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in June 1916 into the 9th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Number 30920 rising to the rank of Corporal. After a year's training he was sent to the Western Front and was invalided home with trench feet at Christmas 1917; he returned to the front in February 1918 and was wounded at Mount Kemmel in Flanders on 27th April 1918. He died of wounds sustained in action in France on 29th August 1918 and was buried in Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, Somme, France. Edward awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of Albert, and the Cemetery, which is enclosed by the Pozieres Memorial, is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road from Albert to Pozieres. The village of Pozieres was attacked on 23rd July 1916 by the 1st Australian and 48th (South Midland) Divisions, and was taken on the following day. It was lost on 24-25 March 1918, during the great German advance, and recaptured by the 17th Division on the following 24 August. Plot II of the cemetery contains the original burials of 1916, 1917 and 1918, carried out by fighting units and field ambulances. The remaining plots were made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields immediately surrounding the cemetery; the majority of them of soldiers who died in the Autumn of 1916, but a few represent the fighting in August 1918. There are now 2,760 Commonwealth servicemen buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 1,382 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 23 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

Edward 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 War Memorial in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of
Corporal
E Kaye

30920, 9th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 29 August 1918 Age 20

Son of Lister and Annie Kaye, of 9, Darley Terrace, Overthorpe Rd., Thornhill, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle



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