



Edward Frank Naylor

1890-1918

Frank was born in Dewsbury on 5th October 1890. His full birth name was *Edward Frank Naylor*. His father was George Naylor, a Postman born in Yarm, Yorkshire in 1864 and died in 1919. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Rugg) born in Cullompton, Devon in 1862 and died in 1934. They were married in Ormskirk, Lancashire in 1884.

Their other children were; Marion May, born in Stockton-on-Tees in 1884, Mary Caroline, born in Ormskirk in 1886, Elsie, born in Dewsbury in 1888 and died in 1889, George Wilfred, born in Dewsbury in 1892 and died in 1893, Jinnie, born in Dewsbury in 1893 and died in 1895, Alice, born in Dewsbury in 1895, Winifred, born in Dewsbury in 1897 and Alfred, born in Dewsbury in 1901 and died in 1901.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 12, Trinity Buildings Dewsbury, in 1901 at 12, Back Brook Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 13, Anroyd Street, Dewsbury.

Frank was a single man who was educated at Boothroyd Lane and Carlton Road Council Schools and attended St. James's Mission Church, Vulcan Road where he was a chorister; he worked as a Florist's Shop Assistant for Mr. Harry Downs Randall in Market Place, Dewsbury until 1912 when he emigrated to the USA where he was employed as a wages clerk by the Ohio Steel Company.

At the outbreak of war, he returned home and on 19th April 1915 he joined the Royal Navy under his full birth name with the Service Number J37490 rising to the rank of Able Seaman and becoming a Torpedoman. He was part of the crew of H.M.S. "Canada" during the great Sea Battle of Jutland 31st May–1st June 1916. He later served on H.M.S. "Badger" from 15th April to 31st August and in November 1917 whilst serving aboard H.M.S. "Hecla", a Depot Ship based at Buncrana, County Donegal, Ireland he was one of 16 men who were washed overboard and he was hospitalised with complications until May 1918 when he was discharged as unfit for further service. After taking a holiday in August he obtained light work in Hull, but after only two weeks he was admitted to Hull Royal Infirmary where he died on 29th September 1918 in the presence of his parents from Chronic Nephritis, Mitral Valvular Disease and Pulmonary Embolism attributable to War Service. He is now buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Frank was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Frank 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. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor and on the Memorial Plaque from St. James's Mission Church now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

For some unknown reason he was never officially commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a war casualty and in December 2014 his records and death certificate were sent by Dewsbury Sacrifices to the relevant authorities and on 6th February 2015 his name was added to the records.

In Memory of
Able Seaman

Edward Frank Naylor

J37490, H.M.S. Pembroke I, Royal Navy who died on 29 September 1918 Age 27

Son of George Naylor of Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Dewsbury Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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