



John Richard Ashworth

1880-1918

John was born in Waterfoot near Rawtenstall, Lancashire in 1880. His father was John Ashworth, a carpet printer born in Newchurch with Bacup near Haslingden, Lancashire in 1852. His mother was Mary (nee Hoyle) born in 1850 in Newchurch with Bacup and died in 1887. They were married in 1875 and had one more child, Elizabeth Jane, born in Newchurch with Bacup in 1876.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Whitewell Bottom, Newchurch with Bacup and in 1901 at 10, Ivy Street, Waterfoot.

John worked as a Woollen Block Pattern Printer and was married on 15th August 1903 in Haslingden to Elizabeth Ann Worthy sometimes Wortley (born in Waterfoot in 1880 and died in 1960). They had four children; Margaret, born in Haslingden in 1904, John Worthy, born in Haslingden in 1906, Harold Hoyle, born in Rawtenstall in 1911 and Doris, born in Mirfield in 1912. On the 1911 Census taken on 2nd April they lived at 9, Ivy Street, Waterfoot and moved to the Dewsbury area after this date.

He was called up for service on 13th March 1917 and enlisted in Dewsbury serving as Gunner 143551 in the 200th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery and was sent to the Western Front on 10th June in that same year. He returned home on 12th October 1917 suffering from Nephritis caused by War Service and was discharged as unfit on 1st March 1918, being issued with Silver War Badge 375565. He died of Nephritis on 12th August 1918 at his home at 13, Clarence Terrace, Savile Town, Dewsbury and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. John was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

John is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and as *John Ashworth* on the War Memorial from the now demolished St. Mary's Church in Savile Town, now displayed inside Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

For some unknown reason John was never officially recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a War Casualty; on 8th January 2016 his service records and death certificate were sent by Dewsbury Sacrifices to the relevant authorities and on 30th March 2016 his name was added to the records.

In Memory of
Gunner

John Richard Ashworth

143551, Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 12 August 1918 Age 37

Husband of Elizabeth Ann Ashworth of Thornhill, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Dewsbury Cemetery



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