



Edward Stanley

1894 – 1916

Edward was born in Dewsbury on 17th November 1894. His father was John Stanley, a Slater born in Dewsbury in 1856 and died in 1928. His mother was Ellen (née Kenny) born in Dewsbury in 1867 and died in 1921. They were married in 1884.

Their other children were; Michael Joseph/Joe, born in 1884, Ann Maria, born in 1886 and died in 1887, William, born in 1887, Thomas, born in 1888, Ann, born in 1890 and died in 1901, Frank, born in 1892, Catherine/Katherine, born in 1896 and died in 1898 and Patrick, born in 1900 and died in 1901. Joe, William and Frank all served in World War 1.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 21, Carlisle Street, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 66, Wilman Road, Dawgreen, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 52, Wilman's Yard, Dawgreen.

Edward attended Our Lady and St. Paulinus School and Church and was also a popular member of the Dewsbury Catholic Boys' Brigade as a drummer. He worked as a sweet boiler in the confectionary industry in 1911 and was a serving soldier when he was married to Mary Rebertha Colleran (born in 1894 and died in 1981) at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church on 13th May 1916. She later lived at 31, Victoria Road, Dewsbury and then moved to live at 78, Western Road, Southall, Middlesex where she was still living in 1939.

He enlisted into "A" Company, 8th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 17069 and was sent to the Western Front on 26th August 1915. He was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme on 25th July 1916. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Edward was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His wife Mary received a letter from Edward's Platoon Serjeant; *"We were only just taking over when a shell came and killed him and a mate. He never spoke after being hit, and died a peaceful death; and we buried him to-day. All the lads of the No. 1 Platoon wish me to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy with you in your loss, everything that was possible was done for him. He was one of the very few lads left with the company who have been with us since 1914, and all the lads feel it nearly as much as you will yourself. He will be badly missed by all of us. Please convey the news to his mother."*

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916.

Edward 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

Edward Stanley

17069, "A" Coy. 8th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 25 July 1916 Age 21

Son of John Stanley, of 52, Wilman's Yard, Dewsbury, Yorks; husband of Mary Stanley, of 78, Western Rd., Southall, Middx.

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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