



Ledgard Fawcett

1895-1918

Ledgard was born in Dewsbury on 8th November 1895. His father was Harry Fawcett, a Piano Maker and later an Electrical Engineers Engine Man born in Dewsbury in 1869 and died in 1932. His mother was Eliza (nee Ledgard) born in Dewsbury in 1866 and died in 1913. They were married in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 6th September 1890.

Their other children were; Edith, born in 1891, Annie, born in 1898 and Ellen, born in 1903 and died in 1913.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 65, Thornton Street, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 63, Tweedale Street, Westtown, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 81, Thornton Street.

Harry was remarried at St. Matthew's Church, Westtown on 30th May 1914 to a widow Mary Ann Stanley nee Clutterbuck (born in 1867 and died in 1935). She had two sons, Tom Stanley, born in 1892 and Harry Stanley, born in 1897.

Ledgard was a single man who in 1911 was employed as a Cloth Cutter in a woollen mill.

He enlisted in Wakefield serving as Private 202122 in the 1st/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 14th April 1918; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ledgard was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Ledgard 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 the Providence Independent Methodist Church, Thornton Street, Dewsbury.

In Memory of

Private

Ledgard Fawcett

202122, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 14 April 1918

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

